

## KOWLOON EVICTION PROTESTS

### Mass Demonstration Timed For Tomorrow

#### Buses May Run Again Tomorrow

The bus service on the island, which was disrupted on Dec. 11 when drivers and conductors of the China Motor Bus Co., Ltd. went on strike, will in all probability be resumed tomorrow as a result of discussions between representatives of the China Motor Bus Co., Ltd. and the strikers at the Labour Office yesterday.

The China Mail was informed last night that the China Motor Bus Company has now agreed to pay a gratuity representing 11 months' pay to each employee after 10 years' service. For those who serve over and above 10 years, one month and 1 day's pay will be paid for each additional year of service. Other minor terms, it is understood, were amicably settled.

The results of the discussions at the Labour Office were communicated to the strikers at a mass meeting last night. It was decided that work should be resumed at the Labour Office this afternoon.

#### Nanking Makes A Second Move

Mass demonstrations to protest against the eviction of Kowloon city residents are being prepared in Canton and in Po On city, according to Chinese press reports yesterday.

The reports said that a "Po On People's Mass Demonstration" will take place at 11 a.m. tomorrow to denounce the Hong Kong Government's action.

Meanwhile, subscription registers have been opened by the New Life Evening Post for donations for the evicted people.

A similar campaign is being launched in Po On. The mass demonstration in Canton is being prepared by the city's students.

The fresh protest was lodged by Mr. Liu Shih-shun, Vice-Political Minister of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, yesterday afternoon when he called on Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador in China.

The Foreign Office also telegraphically instructed Mr. T.W. Kwok, Special Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwansei, to take up the matter directly with the Hong Kong Government.

Meanwhile, at a meeting yesterday, members of the Control Yuan discussed the subject, after which they resolved to demand the Executive Yuan to instruct the Foreign Affairs Ministry to make a public statement on negotiations over the issue with the British authorities.

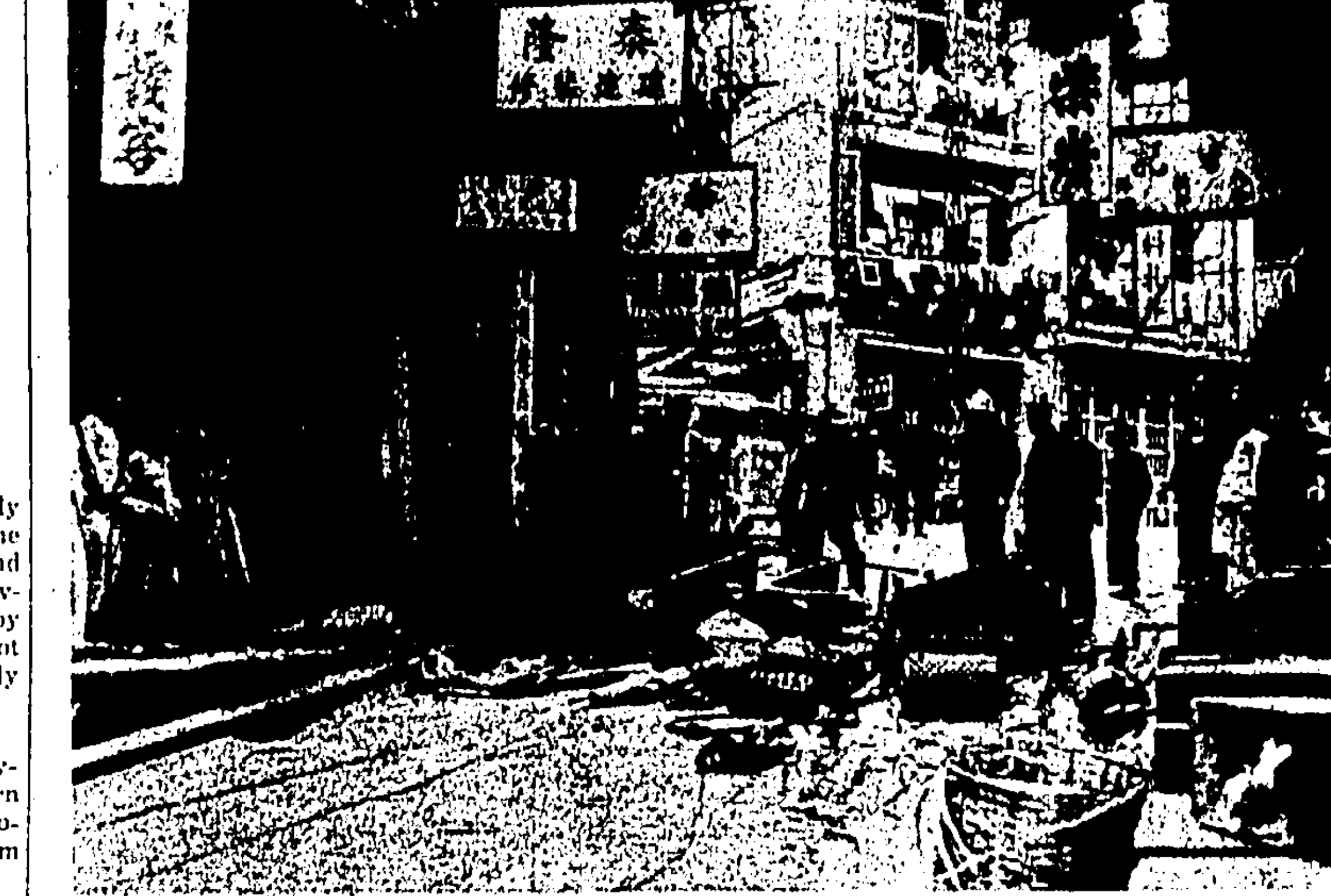
**Sovereignty**  
A United Press message from Nanking says the dispute over the eviction of Chinese from the leased territory of Kowloon has once again brought to the fore in the issue of the restitution of Hongkong to Chinese sovereignty.

Many official and non-official Chinese appear to feel strongly about the Hongkong Government action in the affair.

One member of the People's Political Council took the occasion to brand Hong Kong as a "dangerous and expensive relic of nineteenth century imperialism."

Chinese government officials were said to be unanimous in wanting the restitution of Hongkong.

One faction favours shelving the issue for the time being for



A blaze which might have resulted in serious consequences was averted yesterday by the timely intervention of the Fire Brigade which turned out two appliances under the direction of Divisional Officer C. W. Brown to No. 42 Cochrane Street, ground floor.

The premises in question was occupied by a Chinese medicine shop. The fire broke out in the cockloft.

Access to the cockloft was by means of a bamboo ladder in the rear of the premises.

This, however, was not prevented when the Brigade arrived and access was effected from the front of the shop by firemen with other ladders.

The fire was later found to have originated in a sofa in the cockloft.

It was probably caused by a cigarette.

Only a first-aid appliance was used to extinguish the fire, but although the fire was put out within a matter of minutes, much time was spent in removing the accumulated junk from the cockloft.

#### But He Can't Flap His Ears

Tokyo, Jan. 8.  
Foreigners laughed, English-speaking Japanese gasped.

In the midst of an otherwise extremely laudatory three-column article reviewing Emperor Hirohito's life, and especially his conduct since the surrender, today's issue of the English-language Nippon Times said:

"Emperor Hirohito is a man of few accomplishments and hobbies, but these few are unique. His collection of sea shells is, if not the finest, one of the complete in existence."

"For another thing, it is not everybody who can take a fan between his toes and fan himself."

Not only can Emperor Hirohito perform this stunt but he is able to do so while swimming. He can also swim in the rain holding an open umbrella in one hand.—Associated Press.

#### Bao Dai Confers With French High Commissioner

Geneva, Jan. 8.  
Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, and former Annamese Emperor Bao Dai met today in an informal conference, the Commissioner's secretary announced.

It was the first meeting between the two men since Bao Dai's recent arrival from the Far East.

The secretary said they would begin formal talks later in the day.

A communique said Bao Dai and M. Bollaert met "in a mutual spirit of understanding and exchanged views of the questions which were the subject of their first talk on December 6 and 7."

That meeting, on a French cruiser off the coast of Tongking, was secret but was understood to have been connected with attempts by right-wing Annamese to put Bao Dai back on the throne.

**Initiative**  
Henry Thinh, personal secretary to the 34-year-old former Emperor, said the initiative for the meeting "did not come from the Emperor."

Asked to comment on French Communist press reports that the meeting was encouraged by the United States, Mr. Thinh recalled without further elaboration that Bao Dai met the former U.S. Ambassador to France (Mr. Bullitt) in Hong Kong shortly before the December 6 and 7 conference with Bollaert.

Meanwhile, the negotiations

## New Bevin Plan Put Before British Cabinet

London, Jan. 8.  
The Foreign Secretary (Mr. Ernest Bevin) today laid before the Cabinet the blueprint of the new British foreign policy which observers said was based on the conviction that further genuine Big Four cooperation would be difficult if not impossible.

Official quarters remained silent concerning Mr. Bevin's proposals other than to concede they were another meeting of the Marshall Plan nations in Paris late this month but British officials with one eye on Washington do not appear to be sure the present time is appropriate.

(5) The Far East:—Britain has still rejected Moscow's bid for Russian veto in the Japanese peace settlement and has pledged to the Dominions full voice. Whitehall sources said today that the "next move is up to Washington."

Moscow Radio today snapped back at Prime Minister Attlee who attacked Russia with unprecedented vehemence in a nation-wide radio address on Saturday. The Moscow commentator said the British policy was "following submissively the Wall Street Line."—United Press.

**Detail**  
Whitehall speculated that the following points would be covered in detail:

(1) Germany:—Britain wishes to improve the economic position of the Western zones in close co-operation with the United States and at the same time scrupulously observe the Potsdam Agreement.

(2) Greece:—Here again Britain wants to be closely associated with the United States in maintaining and liberalising the Athens regime.

The toughest problem is the decision concerning future policy for direct military aid in the event of a successful Communist push. Any move toward sending more British troops to Greece would "run into strong opposition from the Left Wing of the British Labour Party."

(3) The Middle East:—Here Britain is working separately to slave off a major conflict when the Palestine mandate ends. Negotiations with Iraq, Transjordan and Egypt are either current or pending.

(4) Western Europe:—It is expected that Mr. Bevin will continue to play a leading role in Marshall Plan developments but public developments may be held up until the complex political

#### Richard Tauber Is Dead

London, Jan. 8.  
Richard Tauber, the internationally famous tenor, died here today.

Tauber had a major operation at Guy's Hospital for the removal of an abdominal abscess. The operation was described at the time as successful and it was stated that he was making a "remarkable recovery."

Tauber was 35 years of age. After convalescence at Perquay, Tauber collapsed and was taken to a London clinic where he collapsed and died.—Reuter.

#### Chinese Dollar Hits New Low

Shanghai, Jan. 8.  
The revival of rumours of the early resignation of the Finance Minister, Dr. O. K. Yui, together with the slump of Chinese National Currency in Hong Kong caused the black market quotation for United States dollar to soar to a new record of 200,000 Chinese dollars here today.

This is a rise of 25 per cent in 24 hours. There was a wild scramble for both foreign and Chinese shares, all of which gained between 20 and 30 per cent as compared with yesterday.

Ewo cotton rose from CN\$485,000 to CN\$500,000. Wheelock from CN\$1,410,000 to CN\$1,760,000 and Docks from CN\$873,000 to CN\$890,000. All British, these are the most popular among foreign and Chinese shares in Shanghai.

Two Chinese newspapers carried reports today from Nanking, forecasting the early resignation of the Finance Minister, Dr. O. K. Yui.—Reuter.

## DRAMATIC RESCUE RUSH OFF JAPANESE COAST

Tokyo, Jan. 8.  
Six more rescue ships are speeding through stormy seas to the Russian motorship "Dvina", which is reported to be still afloat but listing heavily with 800 passengers.

The Japanese tanker Koko Maru, which was earlier reported to be trying to get a line aboard the Dvina, is still nearby, but is unable to make headway in rescue operations, because of the mountainous waves which are crashing over both ships.

The Dvina, which was en route from Kamchatka to Vladivostok, was in the Tsugaru Straits on Wednesday night when she sent an SOS.

Although raging seas eliminated any hope of rescuing the passengers from the Dvina, her

list was reported at mid-afternoon to have improved to 30 degrees and it is now believed possible to tow her to shore and land her passengers in Hokkaido.

The crew of the B-29 that flew over the distressed ship earlier, said huge waves were buffeting the vessel as it lay helpless in the sea.

"When we sighted the ship, it was headed toward North Honshu. It was lying parallel to 50-foot waves," said Lieutenant Henry Deutendorf, pilot of the reconnaissance plane.

American officials still had no explanation of why the craft was proceeding around Southern Hokkaido on a voyage from Kamchatka to Vladivostok.

They said, however, she was in regular shipping lanes and appeared to be bound for Tsugaru Strait between Hokkaido and Honshu, which is open to all international shipping.—Reuter-AAP and Associated Press.

#### Stalin Rumoured To Be Dead

Berne, Jan. 8.  
Rumours that Marshal Stalin is dead, for which there was absolutely no confirmation, were circulating in Switzerland today.

The Swiss Social Democratic newspaper "Berner Tagwacht" today carried an article headed "Stalin dead?", in which it declared that no denial of the present persistent rumours of Stalin's death could be obtained from any Russian quarter in Berne.

The newspaper recalled that in the past there had been similar rumours but said that they had always been followed immediately by a denial.

This time, declared the Berner Tagwacht, no denial nor confirmation of these rumours could be obtained.—Reuter.

#### Stop Press

FOUR AMERICANS MISSING NEAR HANKOW

Nanking, Jan. 8.  
A party of four Americans en route to Hankow from Yenching was reported missing today and presumed to have been taken prisoners by the Reds.

The missing persons were identified as a medical missionary, Dr. Eric McMillan, a missionary, Dr. Day, a missionary, Dr. Mission, and his wife and child.

The fourth person is an American registered nurse, Miss Gertrude Green.

The United States Embassy here has not been able to confirm the reports which emanated from a Catholic priest.—Reuter.

#### Rains Cut Rail Traffic In Malaya

Singapore, Jan. 8.  
Heavy rains have drenched lower Malaya for nine days and washed out traffic between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, the Malayan Union capital.

Landslides were reported to have caused heavy damage in Johore State, where the downpour continues. Roads in the State were flooded to the depth of three feet. At least one highway bridge was washed out.—Associated Press.

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# H.K. TO CANTON SHUTTLE

## Odom Plans Flight To China

Altus, Oklahoma, Jan. 8. (AP) Odom, round-the-world flier and record holder, arrived here on Wednesday to check the work being done on a cargo transport plane in which he plans to fly to China on a research expedition.

The plane is being especially equipped to cross over China's high mountains, especially the Mechin Ranges in Western China, which is reported to be approximately 32,000 feet high, or nearly 4,000 feet higher than Mount Everest in the Himalayan Range of Tibet.

Odom said he expects to be ready to leave for China in not more than two weeks. Sponsors of the expedition include Milton Reynolds of the Reynolds Pen Company, "Life" Magazine and the Boston Museum of Natural History.—Associated Press.

## Hainan War Crimes Trial:

## SECRET DIARY READ IN COURT

Reading from a diary which he had secretly hidden from his guards for three years, Captain C. F. Newnham, Adjutant of Hainan POW Camp, gave evidence at No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

The four-man tribunal trying Camp Commandant Rear-Admiral Tahara Susumu and 16 associates for ill-treating 263 Australian and 237 Dutch POWs and causing the death of 81 Australians and 70 Dutchmen between 1942 and 1945, adjourned proceedings on Wednesday until yesterday morning.

Captain Newnham, of Melbourne, detailing the work performed by the prisoners during the four years, said that he had contacts with 14 of the defendants, who included captains, lieutenants, and CPOs.

The building of anti-aircraft gun emplacements, jetties and piers and the storing of ammunition were specially mentioned by witness.

Witness will be cross-examined by defence counsel. Mr. Leo Inoue, this afternoon. Major J. Foster is sitting as Advisory Officer to defence counsel.

An unserviceable revolver found in a hut in Moon Street on Dec. 27 was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

## SERVICE TO BE BEGUN TODAY

An air shuttle service between Hong Kong and Canton, twice a day, will be inaugurated by Hong Kong Airways tomorrow.

With Captain R. Ballantine, veteran aviator, at the controls, the first aircraft will leave Kai Tak at 8.30 a.m. and arrive at Canton's White Cloud Airport 50 minutes later—at 9.20 a.m. At 10 a.m.—40 minutes after arrival—Captain Ballantine will pilot the aircraft back to Hong Kong, arriving here at 10.50 a.m.

He will also be in command of the day's second return flight to the Kwangtung capital, leaving Kai Tak at 3 p.m. and returning at 5.20 p.m.

### Extra Run Later

Before the month is over, Hong Kong Airways will introduce an additional return flight, making three return flights to Canton daily.

This shuttle service will prove a boon to commercial interests in South China and Hong Kong, especially in cases where a businessman's personal presence is required in either city within a few hours, and where a quick return to his home base is necessary.

### Cabin Comforts

The DC-3 cabins of the H. K. Airways aircraft are soundproof, so that conversation while in flight can be carried on at ordinary voice level.

The interiors are carpeted and fitted with individual plus seats with adjustable head rests. The aircraft are also fitted with modern radio and radar aids.

The crews, who are seconded from B.O.A.C., consist of a captain, a first officer, a radio officer, a flight engineer and a hostess.

## LONDON MATRIC. EXAMINATIONS

The London Matriculation Examination will be held in Hong Kong on June 1.

Entry forms for private students may be obtained from the Education Office, 3rd Floor, Windsor House, and should be returned on or before Feb. 7. Students attending schools in the Colony should forward their entries through the heads of their schools.

Students wishing to enter for London University External Degree Examinations are reminded that it is necessary to register as an external student of the University a considerable time before the actual date of the examination. Further information may be obtained from the Education Office.

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## American Labour Split

New York, Jan. 7. The 100,000-strong left wing of the American Labour Party split today immediately after its State Executive had announced its endorsement of the candidacy of Mr. Henry Wallace for the Presidency.

Representatives of the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers and United Automobile Workers announced their resignations from the Party.

These unions had provided the financial backbone and much of the membership of the Labour Party, which was formed in 1935 to aid President Roosevelt's second campaign for the Presidency, and is a minor party in New York State only.—Reuter

## THREE TIMES BITTEN: BUT NOT SHY YET

Apparently 28-year-old Lau Tong did not believe the proverbial once bitten twice shy.

With three previous convictions against him, the unemployed appeared again before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday at Kowloon on charges of larceny of two thermos flasks, two tins of fish, two bars of soap and nine apples, and breach of an expulsion order.

Convicted on both counts, Lau was sentenced to 18 months hard labour and recommended for re-banishment.

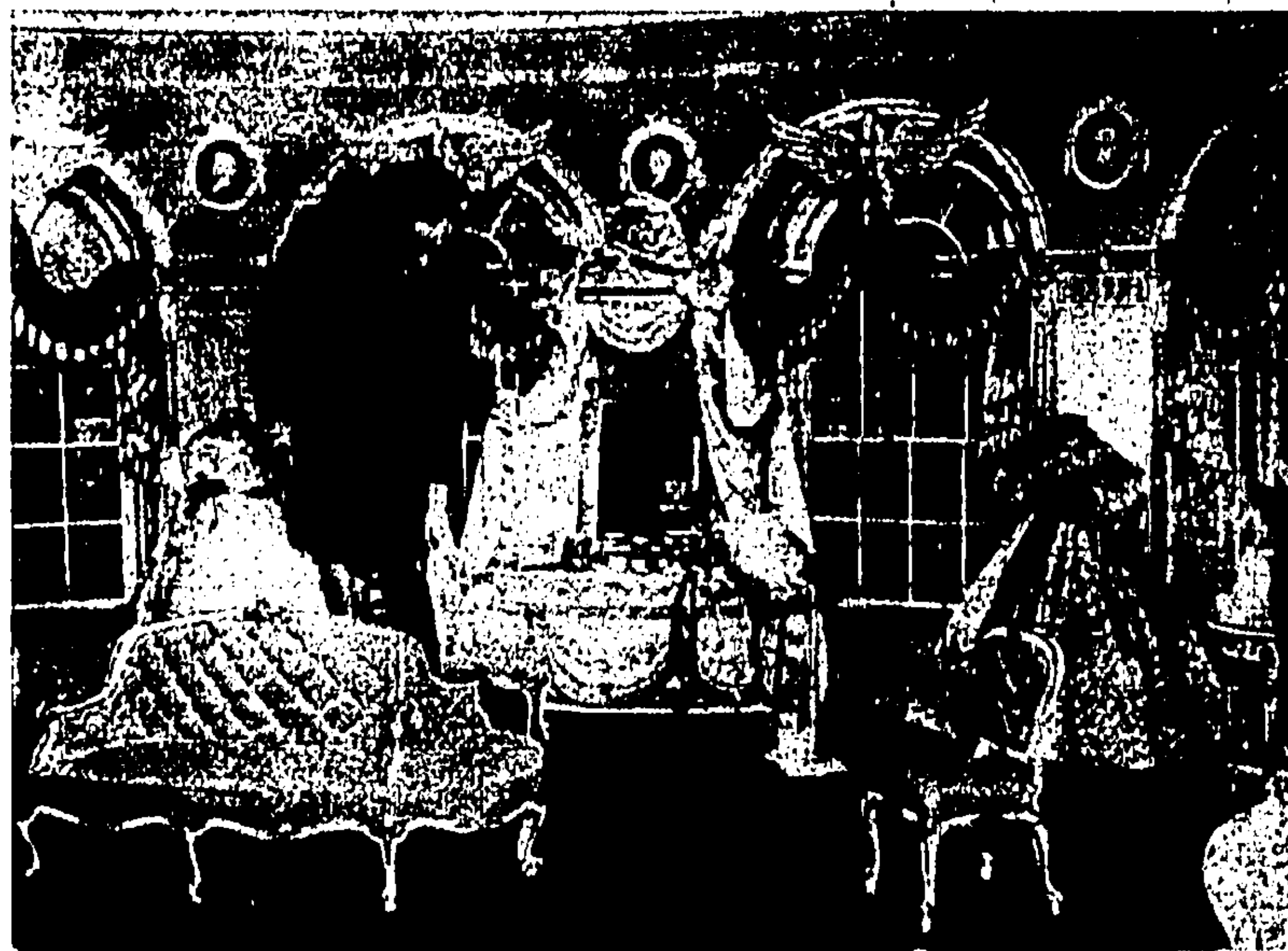
It was alleged that Lau took a cloth bag containing the "loot" while complainant Choi Yip was buying something in Shantung Street.

Arrested with Lau was Li Shing, discovered to be a member of the Wo Shing Yeung Society. Convicted of being a member of an unlawful society, travelling trader Li was sentenced to six months and recommended for banishment.

"The Prospects of Peace" will be the subject of a discussion to be led by Mr. Richard Sutton at the meeting of T.C.H. this evening at 8.30. The H meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong and the members will be pleased to welcome any men interested.

The usual concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House on Sunday evening at 8.30. The programme this week will consist of works by Brahms, Bach and Haydn.

## Midget Magnificence



Here is a home as the cinema reconstructs it. This is one of the "Gallery of British Films" exhibits at Olympia. The feature is a miniature of one of the sets in the British film "Nicholas Nickleby" which is at present making long office records around the world.

## Self-Denial Gift For S'hai Professor

Memphis, Tennessee, Jan. 8. Dr. Baen Lee, President of the Hangchow University in Shanghai, will receive a year's salary as the result of a "self denial campaign" by students of the Southwestern College here.

The programme was sponsored by the Student Christian Union.—United Press.

## Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mr. Helen Svensen, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gee, Mrs. B. M. Cooper, Leon S. Weinstein, John Carr and W. A. Pearson.

Peninsula departures:—Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Levy, A.W. Tops, A.A. Cox, S.S. Gatten, Mrs. D. McAfee, W.H. McCall and G.W. Scott Jr.

H.H. Filler and J.H. Helck left for Manila by P.A.A. Clipper.

Boats for guests to the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla Cocktail party at the Yacht Club, Kellie Island, tonight will run from 6.20 p.m. onwards from Queen's Pier and Tonnachy Jetty, at the end of Tonnachy Road, which is the second turning off Hennessy Road past Gilman's Garage. Cars may be left on the waterfront under supervision until 9 p.m. From Star Ferry, Kowloon, one boat only at 6.30 p.m.

For failing to turn up on Wednesday at the Central Police station to help complete enquiries in a case of stolen property, Pun Tak, marine store dealer of No. 29 Queen's Road East, had his Police bail of \$1,000 exonerated by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

## Traffic Manager Charged With Forging Licenses

Hearing of the Car-License Forgery case, involving William Maher, Portuguese manager of the Hip Shing Transportation Company (21 Soy Street) was continued at Kowloon yesterday before Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Judgment was reserved to do so.

Cheung said he would get a Portuguese to get the endorsement and was given \$10 by Yip. Two weeks later he was taken to Maher's house at No. 268, Prince Edward Road, where he was told by Maher to go to Central and wait for him.

There Maher talked to Cheung a distance away from Yip. Meeting again at Maher's house, Cheung told Yip to get ready \$170.

On the following day Yip went to Cheung's house, where Cheung gave him the endorsed license and asking him to introduce any friends who would be interested in getting endorsement.

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## BUDDHIST MONK AND NUN INVOLVED IN TENANCY CASE

"The whole Chinese public has been thoroughly shocked by this case, as considerable publicity has been given to the fact that second defendant is a monk and his wife a nun," said Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, during a case for possession of the ground floor of 150 Portland Street, Kowloon.

The case was heard before Mr. Justice T.J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

Judgment, with costs, was given in favour of the plaintiff, Kwan Chew-har, married woman, represented by Mr. C.Y. Kwan, and an order made for possession of the premises within 14 days.

Mr. Peter Sin, of Messrs. P.H. Sin & Co., appeared for the defendants, Sai Heung Yuen, deniers in Buddhist utensils, and Wun Ching, alias Leung Chi-hang, Buddhist Monk.

The plaintiff, as the registered owner of the premises, claimed that the defendants were not bona fide tenants and were wrongfully remaining in possession.

The second defendant said that he was the sole proprietor of the first defendant's firm.

He admitted that plaintiff was the registered owner of the premises, but denied that she was entitled to possession.

He claimed to be a bona fide tenant and as such entitled to remain in possession under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947.

### Bought House

Mr. Kwan said that plaintiff bought the house from a nun, Sik Wai-ming alias Wong Wai-ming, in July 1947.

At the time it was agreed that Sik would give up vacant possession of the premises occupied by her.

She did, in fact, give up possession, but her husband, Wun Ching, alias Leung Chi-hang, refused to do so.

The case turned on the credibility of the seller of the house and Wun Ching.

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### Objection

Mr. Sin interposed to say that this had no reference to the case under discussion, but Mr. Justice Gould said that he could not say whether it was relevant or not at that stage.

"An occupation was always given and noted by the Court," added Mr. Justice Gould.

Mr. Kwan then dealt with the rent receipts of the premises and said he would call the seller of the house, Sik Wai-ming and if the Court did not accept her evidence, that was the end of the case.

## Kai Tak May Revert To Factory Area

Kai Tak airfield is destined to become a factory area once a new airfield site is decided upon, according to the Far Eastern Economic Review.

The Review adds that the other areas on the mainland which have been earmarked for factories are Shek Kip Mi Village (where Government recently banned water-cress cultivation), the Laichikok waterfront, and Hung Hom Bay.

The Journal disclosed that a number of industrialists from Shanghai have inquired into the possibilities of acquiring lease rights of some parts of Kai Tak airfield.

## Reminders Today

Recital of Classical Music (Records), European YMCA, West Lounge, 8.15 p.m.

## Coming Events TOMORROW

Queen's College Speech Day, 20, Kennedy Road, 10 a.m.

Zetland Hall Trustees Cocktail Party, King's Bldg., top floor, 6-8 p.m.

## SUNDAY

Presentation of Prizes, "Sunday Herald," "Song of the South" Competition, Queen's Theatre, 11 a.m.

## THE WHISKERS CLUB




WHISKERS was worrying about Toddlies. Glim the Clowdorm suddenly appeared and told Whisk to cheer up. "Toddlies will soon be safely back," he said.

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Hong Kong, 8th January, 1948.

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NOTICE  
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Matriculation  
Examination  
June, 1948

Candidates are reminded that  
all entries for the above  
examination must be in the Re-  
gistrar's hands by Monday,  
February 2, 1948.

STANLEY V. BOXER,  
Registrar.  
27th January, 1948.

## POLICE NOTICE

Applications are called for  
from suitable candidates of any  
nationality to fill a number of  
vacancies in the local inspec-  
torate of the Hong Kong Police  
Force. Entrance will be by com-  
petitive examination and subject  
to being passed by the Selection  
Board. Successful candidates  
are on probation for a period of  
two years and commence, as  
Grade II Probationary Sub-  
Inspector at a commencing salary  
of \$250.00 per month for the first  
two years rising to \$350.00 per  
month by three increments and  
subject to passing an efficiency  
bar. They are eligible for pro-  
motion to Grade I at a salary  
of from \$400.00 to \$800.00 per  
month subject to passing effi-  
ciency bars. A temporary high  
cost of living allowance is also  
payable of from \$220.00 to  
\$280.00 per month for Grade II  
and from \$305.00 to \$380.00 per  
month in Grade I. Married  
officers with family being grant-  
ed 100% of these amounts, mar-  
ried officers without a family  
80% and unmarried officers,  
00%.

Intending candidates should  
possess the following qualifica-  
tions:—

- (1) They must be of robust  
physique. An aptitude for  
games will be considered an  
advantage.
- (2) Age:—NOT over 25 years,  
and not under 20 years.
- (3) Minimum height:—5ft 6in.
- (4) Minimum weight:—130  
pounds.
- (5) Minimum unexpanded  
chest:—32in.
- (6) Good eyesight without  
glasses.
- (7) They must have passed  
the School Leaving Certi-  
ficate Examination.
- (8) They must possess an ad-  
vanced knowledge of both  
written and spoken Eng-  
lish and be able to speak  
it fluently.
- (9) A knowledge of other  
languages and dialects is  
an advantage, particularly a  
knowledge of Cantonese  
and Mandarin.
- (10) Preference will be given  
to British subjects by  
birth.

Applicants should apply as soon  
as possible and not later than  
10th January, 1948, to the Chief  
Inspector, Police Headquarters,  
Oriental Building, Connaught  
Road, Central.

They should produce for in-  
spection references of good  
character, testimonials and certi-  
ficates of education.

Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, January, 1948.

## NOTICE Water Supply

The public is hereby notified  
that commencing on the 15th  
January, 1948 and until further  
notice, the Water Supply on the  
Island and Mainland will be  
shut off nightly between the  
hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The public is warned that  
every effort should be made to  
save water wherever possible, as  
only by co-operation in this  
respect, can more severe re-  
strictions be avoided.

V. KENNIF,  
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number will be: 30221.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1948.

## GOVERNMENT GENERAL CLERICAL SERVICE EXAMINATION

There are a number of  
vacancies for clerks in the  
Junior Grade of the Government  
General Clerical Service.

2. Salary scale for male  
clerks is \$1800 for 2 years then  
\$1920-\$2580 x \$180, annually.  
Opportunities exist for promotion  
to higher classes with a  
maximum salary of \$8100 a  
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clerks is \$1440 a year for two  
years then \$1560-\$4800 x \$120  
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variable high cost of living  
allowance is also payable. This  
amounts at present to \$100 per  
month on the minimum of the  
scale for married male officers  
with children; to \$80 per month  
for married male officers with-  
out children; and to \$60 per  
month for unmarried officers.

4. There are opportunities for  
promotion to an executive grade  
of the General Clerical Service  
for officers of ability. Such  
promotion will depend on  
examination and selection.

5. A competitive entrance  
examination will be held in  
February, 1948. Candidates are  
required to be under the age of  
35 years and to possess a Hong  
Kong school leaving certificate  
or a certificate recognized as  
equivalent by the Director of  
Education. The examination  
will be divided into 5 parts:  
General English; Dictation;  
Elementary Arithmetic; General  
Knowledge; Translation of  
English to Chinese and vice  
versa. As an alternative to the  
translation papers, candidates  
may take an examination in extra  
English. Successful candidates  
will be offered appointments in  
the General Clerical Service  
provided they are medically fit  
and considered otherwise suit-  
able.

6. Forms of application may  
be completed in the office of  
the Education Department, third  
floor, Windsor House. Intending  
candidates should call in person  
on any weekday (except Satur-  
day) between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
before 17th January bringing  
with them their academic  
certificates, two photographs  
(passport size) and birth  
certificates. Applications made  
on or after 17th January will  
not be accepted.

Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, January, 1948.

## HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

It is proposed to hold a meet-  
ing on Thursday January 22nd  
at 5 p.m. at the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank (Mezzanine  
Floor) to discuss the future of  
the Society. All those who  
have at any time served in any  
capacity as Officers of the  
Society or are otherwise  
interested are invited to attend  
and to send their names by  
January 14th to Mrs. Mackichan  
c/o A.S. MACKICHAN Esq.,  
Leigh & Orange,  
P & O Building,  
HONGKONG.

# JAPANESE MERCHANT MARINE S.C.A.P. Plans For Increase In Tonnage No Limit Placed On New Bottoms

London, Jan. 8.  
The future of Japan's merchant fleet will depend  
on the terms of the peace treaty, but if the  
recommendations made by Gen. MacArthur's  
headquarters officials here are followed there  
will be no limit placed on the tonnage Japan  
may build providing the ships are not design-  
ed by shape or speed for military use, United  
Press learned today.

By inference the Far Eastern  
Commission set Japan's mer-  
chant fleet tonnage after re-  
parations at 3,000,000 gross  
tons by allowing her a capacity  
to repair that much shipping  
tonnage. Theoretically, of  
course, even under those condi-  
tions Japan might build more  
ships and have them repaired  
in other countries.  
Actually with shortages of  
steel, coal and other raw  
materials Japan would be years  
in building up 3,000,000 tons.

## China Objections

The principal objections to  
Japan having a large merchant  
fleet are expected to come from

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sealed cover endorsed "Tender  
for D.D.T. Powder", to be  
lodged at the Office of the  
Chairman, Tender Board,  
Colonial Secretariat, Lower  
Albert Road, not later than noon  
on Friday the 23rd January,  
1948.

W. J. ANDERSON,  
Controller of Stores.  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1948.

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### Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that  
the ONE HUNDRED and  
TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY  
MEETING of Shareholders in  
the Company, will be held at  
the Office of the Company,  
Queens Building, Victoria,  
Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th  
January, 1948, at NOON, for  
the purpose of receiving a Re-  
port of the Directors, together  
with a Statement of Accounts in  
respect of 1946 and Re-selecting  
Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
H. DA LUZ,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1947.

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Kong between the hours of  
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2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
7th, 8th and 9th January 1948.

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## THEY WEREN'T A BAD LOT

London, Jan. 7.  
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charge against its account-  
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sheets of false coupons.

The Inspector said that  
the accountant, Frederick  
Watson, 45, told the reading  
magistrate today when two  
men and two women were  
charged with possession of  
sheets of false coupons.

All four accused were re-  
manded until Jan. 14. Wat-  
son was refused bail.—Reu-  
ter.

## U.S. Show Of Force In Med.

LONDON, JAN. 7.  
GREAT SIGNIFICANCE WAS  
ATTACHED IN DIPLOMATIC  
QUARTERS HERE TODAY TO  
THE REPORTS THAT 1,000 BAT-  
TLE-EQUIPPED UNITED STATES  
MARINES ARE NOW SAILING  
FOR GREECE.

If it is confirmed, this decision  
to make a show of force in the  
Eastern Mediterranean indicates an  
important development of Wash-  
ington's foreign policy.

Observers in London expect the  
marines will not intervene in the  
fighting any more than the British  
troops still in that country.

Nevertheless the affair is recogni-  
zed as an important diplomatic move  
since it commits the United States to  
ensuring the safety of the Greek  
Government over rebel forces much  
more thoroughly than the grant of  
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## Bizonal Plan:—

# AUTONOMY FOR THE GERMANS

Frankfurt, Jan. 7.  
General Lucius D. Clay, Commander of the United States Zone of occupation, presented six proposals, providing more political autonomy for Germans, at the bi-zonal conference of Allied Governors and officials and German Premiers in Frankfurt today.

The proposals were sponsored jointly by the United States and British Governments.

General Sir Brian Robertson, Governor of the British Zone, who represented the British Government said the joint statement represented only a "proposal and is not to be an imposed decision."

The proposals, as announced by General Clay, were:

1.—The size of the bi-zonal Economic Council should be doubled from its present 52 members to 104, new members

London, Jan. 7.  
The Home Secretary has recommended a reprieve for Victor Martinez, 33-year-old Spaniard, who was to have been hanged tomorrow for the murder of a newly-born child.

Martinez was sentenced to death with Mrs. Elsie Davey, of Brighton. The child was their illegitimate son.

The Home Secretary recommended a reprieve for Mrs. Davey on Dec. 30.—  
Reuter.

being appointed as before by political parties according to the votes polled.

2.—A Legislative Chamber should be formed to supplement the Economic Council. This House would consist of 16 members—two drawn from each of the eight Länder in the combined Zones. Members of this House would be selected by the Land Governments and the ultimate powers of this Chamber were to be discussed by the

German Land Ministries, and Governor of the British Zone, Minister Presidents.

3.—An Executive Committee should be formed which would function on a scale comparable to a Cabinet.

4.—A High Court should be established in the combined Zones to serve as the final referee on all disputes between the Länder (States) and the bi-zonal agencies.

5.—A Bank should be established for the combined Zones, which would be controlled by the Military Governors and owned by the Land banks.

6.—The British and United States Commanders were reported to have told the conference that, despite the proposal to establish the Bank, they would continue to "make every effort to get an agreement at a four-power level on the currency question, and until that time, they would do nothing."

7.—The Economic Council would take over the economic branches and functions now under the control of the Land Military Governments.

Before the conference opened, General Clay and General Robertson conferred in the building in which the talks took place.—Reuter.

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## U.S. Warns Bulgaria And Yugoslavia

Washington, Jan. 7.  
The United States has warned Bulgaria and Yugoslavia that recognition of the rebel regime of General Markos Vassilakis in Northern Greece would be outright violation of United Nations principles.

The United States also informed the two Soviet satellite states that it considered any recognition of the rebels also constituted "open disregard" of the United Nations Assembly decisions.

The State Department said the United States view was "clearly" expressed to the Bulgarian and Yugoslav Foreign Offices earlier this week by United States diplomatic officials in those two countries. The representations were made orally.—United Press.

## Russia Maintains Silence On Jap Arms Dumps

Tokyo, Jan. 7.  
Russia today refused to give the Allied Council for Japan any information on the disposition of Japanese arms in Manchuria which the Kwangtung Army surrendered to the Soviet forces at the end of the war and which now are reported in the hands of the Chinese Communists.

The American member of the four-power body, Mr. William F. Sebald, sought to get information from the Russian acting member of the Council, Maj-Gen. A. P. Kislenko, who accused the Americans of withholding information

about the demilitarisation of the Japanese home islands and with trying to prevent the Council from functioning.

The Russian said the Americans were wrong in failing to place on the agenda items which he requested in an effort to get information about Japanese demilitarisation and disarmament.

The American representative said the Russians already had all the information. He then reminded the Russian that no information has yet been made available on the former Japanese Kwangtung Army which surrenders all its equipment to the Russians in Manchuria.

"No Bearing"  
Maj-Gen Kislenko told Mr. Sebald that the Americans were seeking information with regard to territory which is not within the purview of the Allied Council of Japan.

Mr. Sebald: "I would like to ask one question. Does the acting Soviet member deny that the Kwangtung Army was part of the Japanese army?"

Gen Kislenko: "I must repeat what I already had said, sir, that this question has no bearing upon the problem of demilitarisation and disarmament of Japan proper."—United Press.

Other resolutions passed at the meeting which was presided over by Mayor K.C. Wu were:

1. Readjustment of austerity price limits in Chinese-style restaurants and eateries.

2. Readjustment of austerity price limits in foreign-style restaurants and cafes.

3. Study and reconsideration of Executive Yuan measures on newspaper reduction which will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting called by the Social Affairs Bureau and attended by the Shanghai Newspaper Guild and representatives of newspapers.—Reuter.

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## Rosier Picture Of Rice Prospects

Singapore, Jan. 7.  
The conference of South-East Asia Emergency Food Council liaison officers closed here today with delegates expressing confidence that the 1948 rice supplies would be "more closely allied to reasonable expectations than last year."

The conference arranged to send two early loans of rice, of 2,000 tons each, to the Netherlands East Indies from Hong Kong and North Borneo, to help meet "the desperate situation."

The Indo-China delegate said that rice prospects there were better than had been expected. He was confident that Indo-China would fulfil her export commitment of 10,000 tons for the first half of 1948 and might even exceed it.

The Burmese delegate thought that her new-found independence would stimulate in-

creased rice production and export in Burma.

The Siamese delegate claimed a fulfilment of the 1947 commitments and hoped that the new procurement scheme would make more supplies available for export in 1948.

The Malayan delegate said that, although still largely dependent on imports, Malaya had increased her own production of rice in 1947 to 52,000 tons, compared with 14,000 tons in 1946, and hoped to produce 65,000 tons this year.—Reuter.

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## GOVT. HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

It would have been surprising if, in a document so comprehensive as the Report of the Salaries Commission, there had been no reference to the organisation of hospitals under government administration. It would have been equally unexpected, in view of the Commission's terms of reference, had the members gone into greater detail than they have in their commentary: however useful and illuminating the result might have been.

Encouragement may, however, be derived from the fact that the Report lends powerful support to the plea (repeated at frequent intervals since post-war figures have revealed how large is the percentage of our population now suffering from tuberculosis) for additional sanatoria designed specially for the treatment of tubercular patients, specifically equipped to give them prompt and efficient care at the time when its value is highest.

The mildly implied criticism of a policy which involves the alienation of a not inconsiderable part of 'general hospital' accommodation in order to provide beds for Government servants afflicted with tuberculosis, could have been voiced in much stronger terms.

At one time, the Colony's principal Government hospital on the island was described as the Government Civil Hospital, a title which carried the assumption that the general public had a claim upon available accommodation, when in need of it, at least equal to the Government servant. The more modern tendency in administration has been to regard the Government hospitals as intended primarily for Government servants in ill-health, with outsiders to be admitted only as a special privilege, almost on sufferance.

The facts might possibly demonstrate that this is not more serious than an attitude of mind: that there is no evidence that it is carried into practice to the serious detriment of the taxpayer who provides the substantial funds required to meet the upkeep charges. The Salaries Commission Report does however disclose that beds are being occupied for long periods by civil servant patients who should, more appropriately, be treated in a T.B. Sanatorium, with a danger too that they may frequently be returned to their own homes far too soon for their own welfare, either at their own request because they are afraid of a too protracted stay in hospital may result in a decision to discontinue their stay in hospital, or because a sudden rise in the sickness rate in the ranks of the Civil Service has placed a heavy strain upon the hospital's facilities.

From no angle of approach can this be regarded as satisfactory. In fact, it was as result of representations by Government servants on the conditions of sick leave that the Salaries Commission carried out their apparently limited investigation. But if the public servant feels cause for complaint, that of the public at large cannot well be much less pointed. Government has decided; it must be conceded, upon a more vigorous drive against the insidious growth of tuberculosis in the coming year, under arrangements which will probably allow a greater number of 'victims' to receive some sort of treatment than is possible under present conditions. It is, however, an extremely short-sighted policy, when one considers the nature of the disease and its high incidence rate, to rely mainly upon the work of outpatient clinics.

To tackle the problem seriously, sanatoria, provide the only answer and also the protection of the immediate family of those suffering from the disease in an active form. The Commission's recommendations have already been approved, in principle, by the Government. The Unofficial Members of Council and the Secretary of State. Provision of additional T.B. sanatoria is but one of more than a hundred recommendations; but it is not the least among those that demands to be implemented.

## The Problems Of Trade Control In China And

# THE PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING

By CHUI CHI, Deputy Director Of The Kuan-wu Shu

According to Statistics, seizures effected by the Customs, as disclosed by the Tai-ching Pu recently, show that more than 17,800 smuggling cases were dealt with by various Customs offices during the period 1st January to 20th October 1947, and that the value of seized goods already amounted to CN\$145,100,000.00. The greater part of the smuggled goods were seized by the Canton, Kowloon and Shanghai Customs, each being credited with over two to three thousand cases. From these statistics the following facts may be deduced:

(1) Smuggling is definitely one of the serious economic problems confronting China today; and, although smuggling existed during pre-war days, it was not so rampant as at present.

(2) The Customs during the past ten months has actually reinforced its preventive measures and has carried out its preventive work strictly. The fact that over 17,800 smuggling cases were dealt with, involving CN\$145,100,000.00 worth of seized goods are facts not without significance.

## True Reason

To arrive at a true reason why smuggling is more rampant now than in pre-war days, it is necessary to analyze the causes: that is to say, is the existing rampant smuggling aimed at evasion of Customs duties or is it aimed at an evasion of the trade control? Since the Customs Import Tariff of 1934 is still in use after the war with no increase in duty rates and since highest duty rate is only 80% ad valorem and the average rate is 25%, it is obvious that smugglers who possess immense capital would prefer paying these comparatively small amounts rather than to resort to smuggling in order to evade such Customs duties. What, then, is the main reason for the smuggling which is rampant? Our analysis of the situation shows that evasion of trade control constitutes the main cause. No control was exercised over trade before the war, but now Foreign Trade Regulations have been introduced. Restrictions extend to outright prohibition or temporary suspension of the importation of certain articles, while quota allocations and Import Licences are required to cover imports, all of which did not exist before the war.

## Quota Allocations

Of all the articles enumerated in the present Import Tariff, less than half of them are allowed importation against licences to import; and even then these articles are subject to the additional restriction of a quota allocation. As regards exports, export duty has been abolished but, under the existing regulations governing the control of foreign exchange

goods are only allowed to be exported after the sale of foreign exchange to cover the transaction, and it is the open market rate fixed by the Central Bank of China which is used for calculation purposes. As there is a wide difference between the open market and black market rates, merchants are unwilling to sell at the open market rate with the result that exports are smuggled abroad. Evasion of trade restriction and escape from sale of foreign exchange are therefore the main causes of smuggling both inwards and outwards.

In other words merchants do not mind paying Customs duties but, if they are not permitted to carry on trade in their own way or if the movement of imports and exports is restricted, they are forced to resort to the risk of smuggling. That, in short, is the main reason why smuggling is so rampant at present. Other causes are moral degeneration of society, economic depression and difficulties surrounding the livelihood of the people. And moreover there is armed smuggling carried on by unscrupulous military personnel.

## Trade Control

The object, however, of the Temporary Foreign Trade Regulations is to obtain equilibrium in international receipts and payments as well as to prevent the exhaustion of foreign exchange, and the enforcement of these regulations is considered essential under existing conditions. Trade certainly must first be controlled if foreign exchange is to be regulated, and the Customs, being the nation's economic line of defence, must assume responsibility for carrying out such trade control. But, in order to enforce effectively the control, it is necessary to ensure beforehand that the quotas are fairly allocated. Smuggling has been especially rampant in South China during the past year, and, though one of the reasons is the proximity of Canton to Hongkong and Macao, the main one is the fact that the quotas allocated are quite insufficient to meet actual requirements. Imports into South China during pre-war years were valued at US\$9,000,000 per month, while, in allocations for the third quarter of this year, the import quota for South China has been fixed at only US\$3,400,000, or a monthly average of US\$1,130,000. It is apparent therefore that supply is far from being sufficient to meet demand and, consequently, the industrial and commercial circles of South China are driven to seek foreign

## Four Recipes

- (1) Continued reinforcement of preventive forces;
- (2) Reasonable improvement of control over trade;
- (3) Arrangements to be made through diplomatic channels for carrying out preventive work within the territories of Hongkong and Macao; and
- (4) Promulgation of regulations governing the punishment of smuggling—since smuggling can only be checked by imposing severe penalties on the smugglers themselves.

(Continued at foot of next column)

## Manila Running Into Dollar Famine

By RUTHERFORD PEATE

Manila, once proudly self-proclaimed "Pearl" of the Orient, today is a teeming, dirty city of three times its pre-war population, living largely on an export-import trade that may well collapse soon, as post-war grants of dollars and US Army expenditures here drop off.

The greatest merchandising boom in Manila's history is here, but a dark cloud of unemployment and business recession is clearly visible on the horizon.

The young republic as a whole has one of the world's rare dollar reserves, amounting to nearly \$400,000,000. And the reviving copra and abaca industries are bringing dollar profits to the islands.

But Manila, the capital, money market, trade centre and heart of the Philippines, is living in a shaky, false prosperity that emphasizes the dangerous gamble the nation has made in spending its dollars for consumer goods, while counting on a great revival of dollar-winning export industries.

## Over-Spent

During the two and a half years since the end of the war the Philippines has spent far more than it could hope to afford over the long pull for American food products, clothes, clothing, novelties and luxury items. During 1946 and 1947, for example, it imported \$1,000,000,000 (82 percent of them from the United States) but her exports were only \$1,000,000,000. The story has been largely the same

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"It must be a good book—Dad hid it from Mom, Mom hid it from Sis, and Sis hid it from me!"

## Jerusalem — City Of Terror

By Robert Miller

Besieged and partitioned Jerusalem has become a city of fear. Daylight assassinations, midnight explosions and continuous firing occur in every hour of 24 in the populated Holy City with a jittery mass of humanity whose nerves have been stretched piano-wire tight by the past five weeks of civil war.

Slamming a door in Jerusalem today gets the same reaction as a rattlesnake's rattle. Backfiring trucks change citizens into rabbits scurrying for shelter behind buildings, trees or boulders.

Nobody unexpectedly slaps a friend on the back. That's the way stabbings are done and the effect on the nervous system is liable to be disastrous.

Only the most extreme emergency forces anybody out after dark in the mixed Arab-Jewish quarter and to walk anywhere between dusk and dawn one always is convoyed by a squadron of butleries banging around in the midriff.

## Hysteria Frequent

Several deaths have been caused by heart failure, particularly among old people, and hysteria is more common than the common cold in the half a dozen no man's lands about town where nightly battles occur.

The medical authorities estimate that continued high blood pressure resulting from prolonged excitement is bound to have a detrimental effect on the health of the general public resulting in the hardening of arteries and various heart and circulatory diseases.

Zion Square in the heart of the Jewish quarter shows a single sign bravely proclaiming that a Vienna cafe still opens for business but inside there are few customers where formerly life long acquaintance with the owner of the burger was necessary to get a table.

Streets are seemingly visited by

## Traffic Scanty

Traffic in both Jewish and Arab sections is scanty after nightfall and is limited mostly to armoured cars and police.

Like Zion Square, in Jaffa, Damascus and other towns, the main thoroughfares through the Old City are empty from dusk to dawn except for patrolling Arab national guards, manning roadblocks or the police and military patrol.

The entire city is wrapped in darkness and it is hard to believe as you pass down its streets that thousands of people are lying here within its darkened vacant looking buildings. Only the occasional sound of a radio coming out of the night reveals that life is still left somewhere. The crack of rifles and the dull boom of exploding grenades remind you that it may be gone tomorrow.

United Press.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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Of all these measures the last is of the utmost importance. Up to the present there is no other way of dealing with smugglers than by the connection of smuggled goods and importation of a fine. Only by severe punishment can smugglers be brought to heel. We urge the legislative authorities to give due consideration to this point and to adopt remedial measures immediately.

## Your Next Question

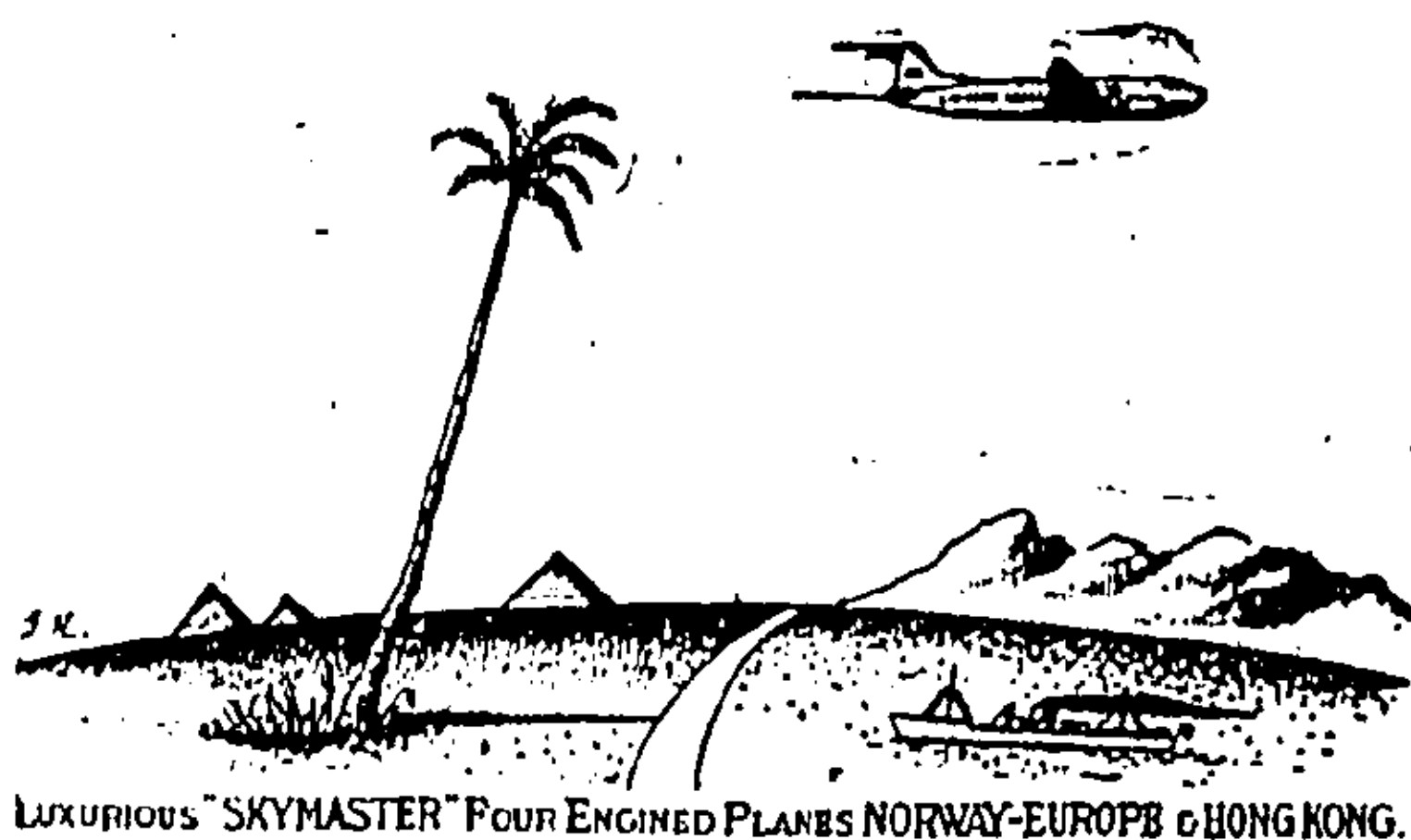
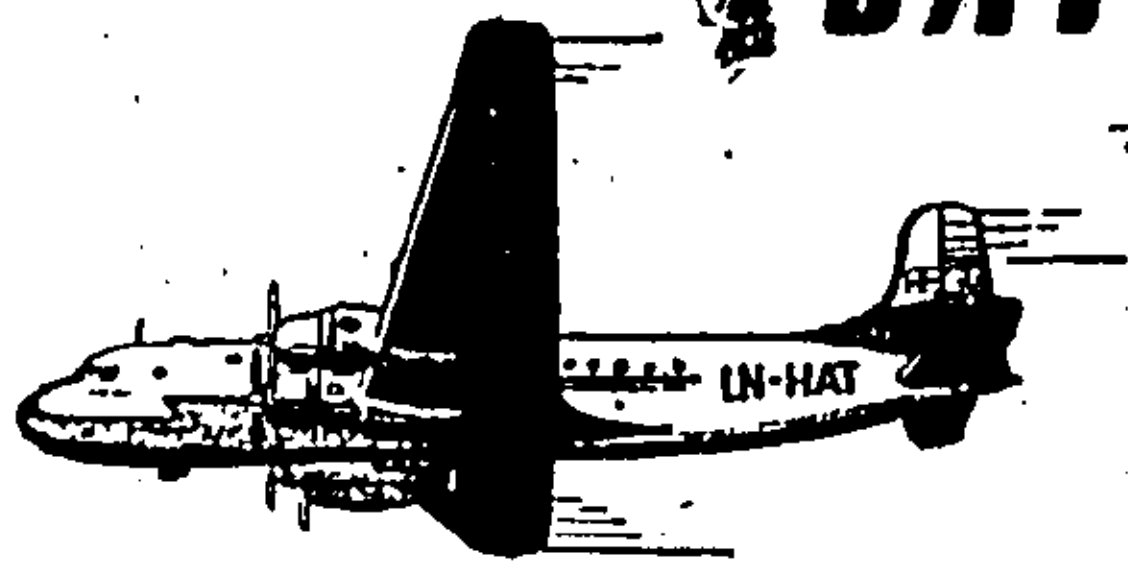
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# CIVIL SERVICE'S BENEFITS Increases Granted On Final Approval Recommendations Of Commission

In recommending that the revised salary scales in the Government Service should be introduced with retrospective effect to Jan. 1, 1947, the Commission says that these retrospective benefits should only be granted to officers in the Service when final approval of the proposals is announced.

The Commission does recommend that officers who were in the Colony on duty on 1st January, 1947 and who have subsequently died, retired in the normal course of events or been invalided should have their salaries, death gratuities, gratuities or pensions recalculated as if they had been on the revised scales at the time of death, invaliding or retirement.

Although we have worked out detailed tables to show how various classes of officers at various incremental points on existing scales should be allowed to convert to the new scales, we have not included these tables in our Report, because we consider that the details of conversion can be more easily worked out when final approval of the new scales has been received.

We recommend however that where the old and the new scales are of comparable length, the following rules should be adopted:-

(i) Where an officer on an incremental scale has the necessary qualifications to entitle him to convert fully to the new scale appropriate to his grade, and has passed all the prescribed intervening efficiency bars, he shall receive the same number of increments to the maximum limit in the new scale as he has already received in his old scale.

### Not Less

(ii) Where an officer has not the necessary qualifications which it is contemplated that an officer in his grade should in future on entry possess or obtain subsequently to entry, the Government should exercise its discretion whether the same number of increments as he has earned in his old scale should be accorded him up to the maximum limit in his new scale, provided of course that no officer should receive less basic pay than he receives at present when it is taken into consideration that the new basic incorporates elements for rent, depreciation in the value of money, and in some instances other allowances.

(iii) Rules (i) and (ii) should apply also in cases where the new scale is slightly shorter than the present scale, provided of course that the maximum of the new scale cannot be exceeded.

(iv) Where an officer is on the maximum salary of an incremental scale and is transferred to an incremental scale which has more incremental steps than his existing scale, he may, if duly qualified, receive one increment in the new scale for each year which he has spent on the maximum of his previous scale, subject of course to the maximum of the new scale.

### Fixed Salaries

(v) An officer on a fixed basic salary shall transfer to a corresponding fixed basic salary if such a fixed basic salary has been assigned to his post under the new scheme but where an incremental scale has been provided, he shall be given one increment on the new scale for every year he has served on his previous fixed salary.

(vi) In all the above cases expatriation pay should be added in the event that the officer concerned qualified, therefore, for the application of Rule (ii). It should be remembered that previous salaries have, in effect, included an element of expatriation pay.

(vii) All officers should keep their existing documents at home until they are on promotion.

(viii) Notwithstanding the above rules, the Government should have the right to deal as it thinks fit with any individual case which might, if the above rules were applied, give rise to an anomaly.

### Regrading

In certain cases where we have proposed complete reorganisation or where officers have been placed in a grade to which hitherto promotions have been made to fill vacancies but which in the new scheme is included in a time scale, or where an old scale has been drastically shortened or lengthened, the rules suggested above may not be appropriate. We have, for example, prepared tentative drafts of a special conversion scheme for the Clerical Service and another for the Police Inspectorate. It is probable that similar schemes will have to be devised to ensure equitable treatment where some officers as in the Public Works Department are in the middle or towards the end of a long scale and others are at the beginning of a shorter scale introduced since 1937. A special scheme will have to be drawn up for certain officers in the Education Department at present on a long time scale who will have to transfer to a very much shorter scale in future. In such cases it is probable that instead of a straight conversion according to length of service which would result in the majority of officers in a particular category being placed on the maximum of the new scale, a system of awarding one increment on the new scale for two

## BORSTAL GIRLS' ESCAPE

London, Jan. 7. A Holloway Prison officer was last night overpowered by 11 Borstal girls, gagged and tied to a chair while the girls escaped with stolen keys. They were recaptured three hours later after one girl had given the alarm.

The 11 girls are awaiting allocation to Borstal institutions. —Reuter.

### Special Measures

It is possible that in certain cases the new salary scales will result in a temporary reduction of emoluments exclusive of high cost of living allowance. Similarly, certain officers may on transfer to the new scales find that their pensionable emoluments would be temporarily reduced. We recommend that Government should consider on their merits any such cases which may arise and accord such treatment as may be deemed equitable.

### Election To Transfer

We recommend that serving officers should be allowed to exercise an option whether to retain their existing salaries and terms and conditions of service or to transfer to the new scales under the revised conditions of service which we have proposed. In our opinion this option should be exercised in writing by all officers concerned not later than 31st March, 1948. A possible extension might be granted to officers who are on leave at the date of the publication of the revised salaries scheme. In their case a further extension of three months might be given.

## "KINA" HEARING BEGINS

MANILA, JAN. 5. THE DANISH CONSUL, GUSTAV HALBERG, SAID TODAY THAT TWO OFFICERS AND 31 MEN OF THE LOST DANISH MOTORSHIP KINA TESTIFIED AT THE CONSULATE YESTERDAY.

He added that he was unable to issue any statement to the press at this time as to the findings.

Mr. Halberg, who is also Manila manager of the East Asiatic Company, agents for the Kina, said the hearing was "only the preliminary matter of gathering statements from the crew."

"These statements will be forwarded to the Danish Government in Copenhagen, where a formal maritime hearing will be held," Mr. Halberg said. —United Press.

## Poisoning At Party

Barberton, Transvaal, Jan. 8. Saleh Minty, a 22-year-old Indian shop assistant, was formally discharged here today at a preparatory examination arising out of the deaths by arsenic poisoning of five European adults and four children at a birthday party in Komatiport last July.

During the examination of the alleged murder charges last year, Minty was declared insane but four days ago the Supreme Court in Pretoria granted an application to remove him from the Pretoria mental hospital to Barberton Gaol.

He was instructed to report to the police station today and was discharged on instructions from the Attorney General after an application by the public prosecutor. —Reuter.

## Rangoon Ceremony

Rangoon, Jan. 7. Sao Shwe Thaik, the first President of Free Burma, today ceremoniously planted a holy sapling presented by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Indian special envoy to the independence celebrations in the grounds of Rangoon's golden-domed Shwe Dagon Pagoda.

The sapling, brought from the holy Bodhi tree under which Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, gained enlightenment 25 centuries ago, was sprinkled with holy water brought from the Ganges.

The sapling came from Bigdha Gaya, the Buddhist holy shrine in Bihar Province, and the ceremony was attended by leading Burmese statesmen, foreign envoys and Buddhist high priests. —Reuter.

## Sikhs Slaughtered In Temple Massacre

Karachi, Jan. 7. Some 70 Sikh men, women and children were killed today when a Moslem crowd attacked a Sikh temple in which 250 Sikhs from Upper Sind were quartered for transit after evacuation.

Troops were rushed to deal with the disturbance as the trouble spread like a flame throughout the city, which angry crowds looting Hindu quarters.

The temple was set on fire after the slaughter. Armed police picketed the area and evacuated the survivors. By late afternoon, the disturbances appeared to be generally under control.

Police trucks, with loud speakers, moved through the streets announcing a curfew throughout the city. The temple, where the initial attack occurred, was almost within a stone's throw of the authorities by surprise and the refugees were slaughtered in their sanctuary before the police could be mobilised.

Armed police were evacuating the survivors as the interior of the temple was an inferno, with flames licking heaps of blood-stained bodies.

In the dust of the compound, the bodies lay where they had fallen amid the survivors, too stunned by the shock even to walk.

### Excited Crowd

Everywhere through the city excited crowds were gathering in the streets. Piles of shattered glass and people running with bundles of clothes and pieces of furniture showed where the looting was going on. In the midst of the excitement Khan Bahadur Mohammad, the Prime Minister of Sind, personally arrested a looter who was making off with a small bundle of silks looted from a Hindu house nearby. They have been moving these people (the Sikh evacuees).

## LONG PACIFIC TON

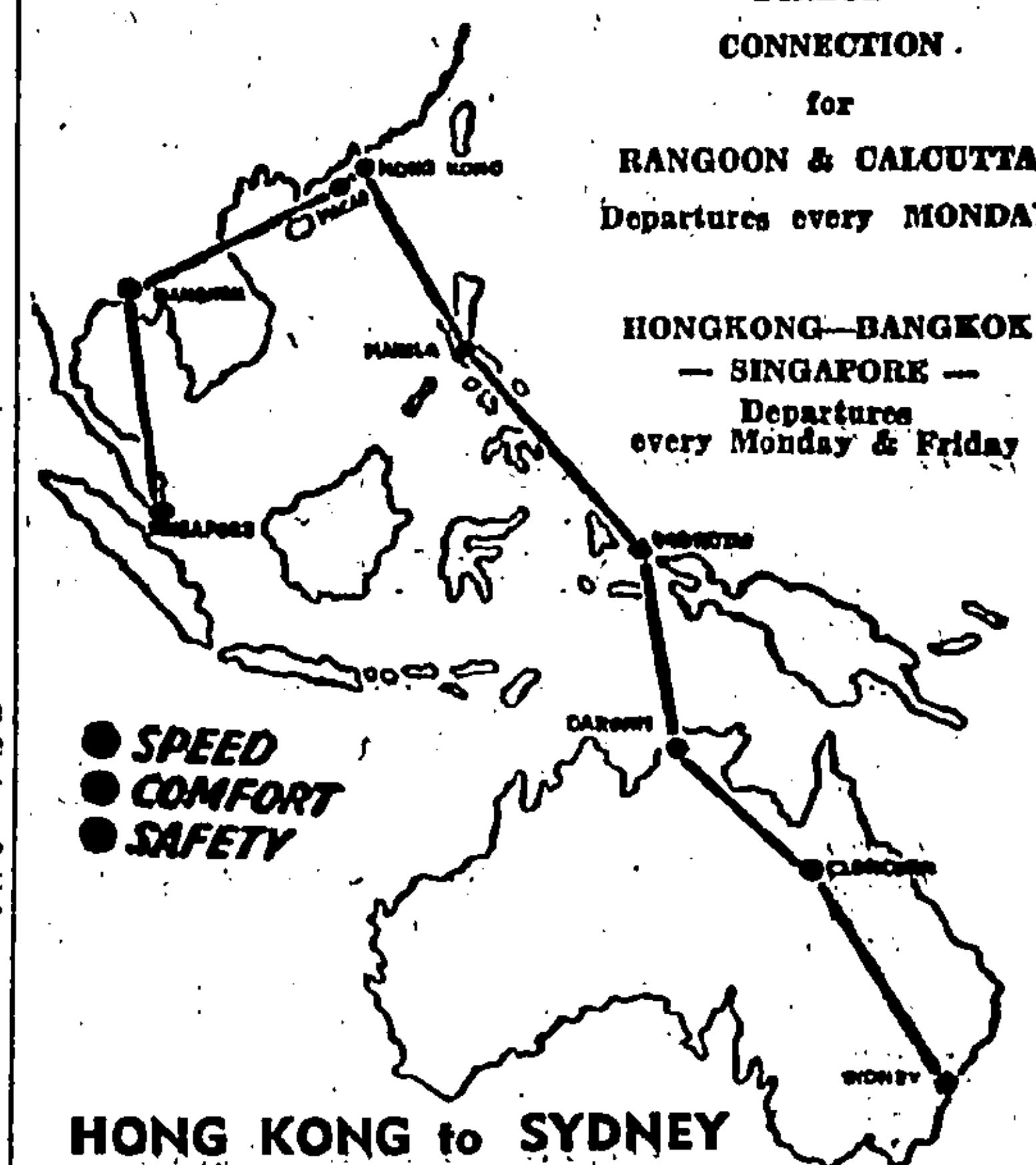
Singapore, Jan. 7. Two American sailors today for the first time in the Far East, were seen to have been. The trip was made on the ship, the Long Pacific, which is a large cargo ship. The ship is owned by the Long Pacific Company, which is a subsidiary of the Long Pacific Corporation. The ship is currently on a voyage from the United States to the Far East.

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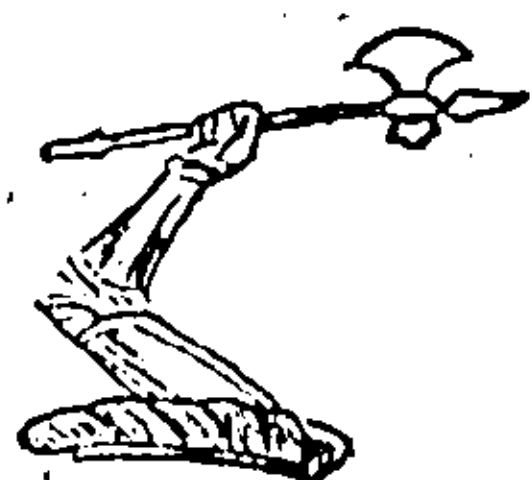
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#### 15 Countries To Be Helped

Washington, Jan. 7. Detailed estimates of aid in terms of commodities which it proposes that the European nations should receive under the Marshall Plan were published today by the Department of State.

Acceptance of the estimates is subject to approval by Congress of President Truman's project to implement the Marshall Plan at the cost of \$17,000 million over a period of four years and three months.

The document released by the State Department was a voluminous compilation of several hundred thousand words. It listed in the case of each recipient country quantities of food, tobacco, raw materials and machinery to be received at different periods.

The State Department, in its report claimed that "miraculous results" could be achieved though it scaled down some of the estimates made in Paris by the 16 European nations participating in the scheme.

Shipping resources during the next four years should be curtailed and utilized in industries which would be more vital for reconstruction, the report said.

#### Food Supplies

The report urged intensive salvage operations in Europe, particularly in Germany, to recover old iron, because the United States would not be able to export iron or scrap iron. The possibility of allocating the necessary ships to the participating countries would be considered by the United States Government.

The report suggested that scrap iron should be bought for hard currency or by exchanging machinery and the equipment needed by Russia.

The document made a special analysis of the prospects of food supplies and concluded: "The conclusion which a general analysis leads to is that the food consumption targets as planned by the countries participating in the recovery plan will not be reached unless there is a series of very fortunate crop conditions in many areas of the world."

Bread grain deficits would have to be covered during the period of the Marshall Plan, the report said.

"This spring, Europe will inevitably be faced with an even more serious shortage of food than has

been the case so far," the report said.

#### Not As Large

The total import requirements of grain of the Marshall Plan countries in 1947-1948 were about 30,000,000 tons and about 27,000,000 tons for each of the following years.

The report said that the United States had concluded that the available supplies which could be moved to these countries "were not as large as stated."

Here are the allocations for each country benefiting under the Marshall Plan for essential commodities—grain, coal, steel, machinery and petroleum—over the whole period:

#### Great Britain

France: Grain—1,175,000 tons, Coal—27,520,000 tons, Steel—999,000 tons, Machinery—\$125,900,000 worth, Petroleum—22,636,000 tons, Fats & Oil—183,000 tons, Timber—\$33,560,000 worth, Dairy products—\$633,500,000 worth.

Belgium: Grain—1,411,000 tons, Coal—2,685,000 tons, Steel—1,121,000 tons, Machinery—\$41,500,000 worth, Petroleum—4,754,000 tons, Fats & Oil—82,000 tons, Dairy products—\$49,900,000 worth, Timber—\$10,800,000 worth.

Sweden: Grain—100,000 tons, Coal—Nil, Steel—873,000 tons, Machinery—\$44,200,000 worth, Petroleum—10,206,000 tons.

Britain: Grain—1,305,000 tons, Coal—Nil, Steel—1,646,000 tons, Machinery—\$292,600,000 worth, Petroleum—24,000,000 tons, Fats & Oil—23,000,000 tons, Timber—\$75,000,000 worth, Mining machinery—\$75,000,000 worth, Steel making equipment—\$34,000,000, Timber—\$245,000,000, Dried eggs—100,000 tons, Dairy products—\$276,400,000 worth.

Austria: Grain—1,810,000 tons, Machinery—\$49,800,000 worth, Coal—Nil, Steel—Nil, Timber—Nil.

Denmark: Grain—236,000 tons.

## EXPLOSION IN TOTNES

Totnes, Jan. 7. An explosion at the electricity works here today rocked the town and resulted in a breakdown in electricity supplies over a large area of south Devon.

Work was stopped at the milk distribution depot, which deals with 16,000 gallons of milk daily and at the textile mill. Attempting to tackle the fire which broke out after the explosion, the manager of the mill was badly injured.

—Reuter.

#### Eire

Switzerland: Grain—435,000 tons, Coal—447,000 tons, Machinery—\$9,000,000 worth, Petroleum—1,635,000 tons.

Norway: Grain—305,000 tons, Steel—868,000 tons, Petroleum—2,521,000 tons, Machinery—Nil.

Eire: Coal—1,812,000 tons, Machinery—\$6,900,000 worth, Petroleum—1,668,000 tons, Grain and steel—Nil, Tobacco—\$28,100,000 worth, Electrical equipment—\$2,700,000 worth.

Luxembourg: Grain—25,000 tons, Agricultural Machinery—\$700,000 first two years and \$300,000 for subsequent years, Petroleum—186,000 tons.

Netherlands: Bread Grain—1,270,000 tons, Coarse Grain—1,015,000 tons, Coal—1,521,000 tons, Steel—1,273,000 tons, Coal Mining Machinery—\$36,100,000, Petroleum—467,000 tons.

#### Portugal

Greece: Bread Grains—1,320,000 tons, Coarse Grains—185,000 tons, Coal—45,000 tons, Steel—225,000 tons, Agricultural machinery—\$27,600,000 worth, Coal machinery—\$2,200,000 worth.

Turkey: Steel—138,000 tons, Agricultural machinery—\$27,600,000 worth, Coal Mining machinery—\$4,000,000, Petroleum—880,000 tons.

Ireland: Coal—179,000 tons, Petroleum—284,000 tons.

Portugal: Bread Grains—315,000 tons, Coarse Grains—120,000 tons, Coal—2,126,000 tons, Steel—209,000 tons, Agricultural machinery—\$9,900,000 worth, Petroleum—2,212,000 tons.—Reuter.

## Michael Short Of Cash?

LAUSANNE, JAN. 7. A SOURCE CLOSE TO EX-KING MICHAEL OF RUMANIA SAID TODAY THAT PRINCESS ANNE OF BOURBON-PARMA HAD POSTPONED HER SCHEDULED VISIT TO LAUSANNE BECAUSE MICHAEL WAS CONCERNED WITH "MATTERS AFFECTING HIS COUNTRY."

Several telephone calls were made to Bucharest by members of Michael's entourage, reportedly to Dr. Ion Popescu, Michael's representative, who is negotiating with the Communist-dominated Government there for millions of dollars the Royal Family was forced to leave behind.

Michael, appearing pale and drawn, today took a brief spin around town in his limousine.

Aides indicated that it was at the heart of the purse and not of the heart that were bothering him.

Meanwhile, a Copenhagen dispatch said that Princess Anne had made reservations for herself and her mother aboard the Nord Express to Basel leaving Friday morning and scheduled to arrive on Saturday.—United Press.

## Nylon Smugglers Busy

SHANGHAI, JAN. 8. THE PRESENT RAMPANT SMUGGLING OF NYLON STOCKINGS HAS RENDERED OVER 3,000 FACTORY WORKERS JOBLESS AND BROUGHT THE OPERATION OF 100 SILK STOCKING FACTORIES TO A STAND-STOP.

These are charges made by the Shanghai Silk Weaving Industry Association which intends approaching the City Government authorities for an immediate ban on the sale of nylon goods which arrived here "through illegal channels."

The Association said that before the introduction of nylon, hosiery into the Shanghai market, this city's silk industry was employing over 7,000 workers and produced approximately 60,000 dozens of silk stockings monthly.

However, this figure has now been reduced to 20,000 as a result of the influx of smuggled goods.—Reuter.

## RECOGNITION OF SIAM CABINET

Bangkok, Jan. 7. A Siamese military mission will shortly leave for Europe and the United States, under Colonel Luang Suranong to study military matters, the Siamese Defence Ministry announced today.

Dr. Paul Lunsinger, Swiss Consul here said today that his government had extended de facto recognition to the present Siamese Government which seized power in November. This is the first de facto recognition since Marshal Phibul Songgram carried out the coup.—Reuter.

## LEYTE GAOL BREAK

Manila, Jan. 8. Reports from Tacloban today said that 17 prisoners in Leyte Provincial Gaol, serving sentences for crimes ranging from theft to murder, staged a successful break last night.

Only five men have been recaptured so far.—United Press.

## Libya Army Base: Denial In London

London, Jan. 8. American press reports that the United States has invited Britain to join her in setting up a great new base at Benghazi, Libya, as an answer to any threat of Communist encroachment in Greece, were officially denied here today.

It was pointed out that the future disposal of the former Italian colonies rested with the Council of Foreign Ministers and no decision on Libya or part of Libya could be made until the four-power inquiry mission on the colonies had submitted its recommendations on Libya to the Foreign Ministers deputies in London.

The Commission has just completed its report on Eritrea and is now dealing with Italian Somaliland.

Britain and the United States in common with other members of the Council of Foreign Ministers must, however, decide on their attitude towards any new situation in the Eastern Mediterranean which may result from the deputies' discussions.

Observers here considered that the possibility of establishing a large-scale naval, air and military base in Benghazi was largely ruled out on technical grounds.

Though Benghazi might be very useful to Britain or the United States for its airfields and as a minor naval base, the problem of water supply and its complete lack of industrial resources would prevent it from being turned into a new super-Gibraltar without an extensive development of the hinterland which is largely desert.—Reuter.

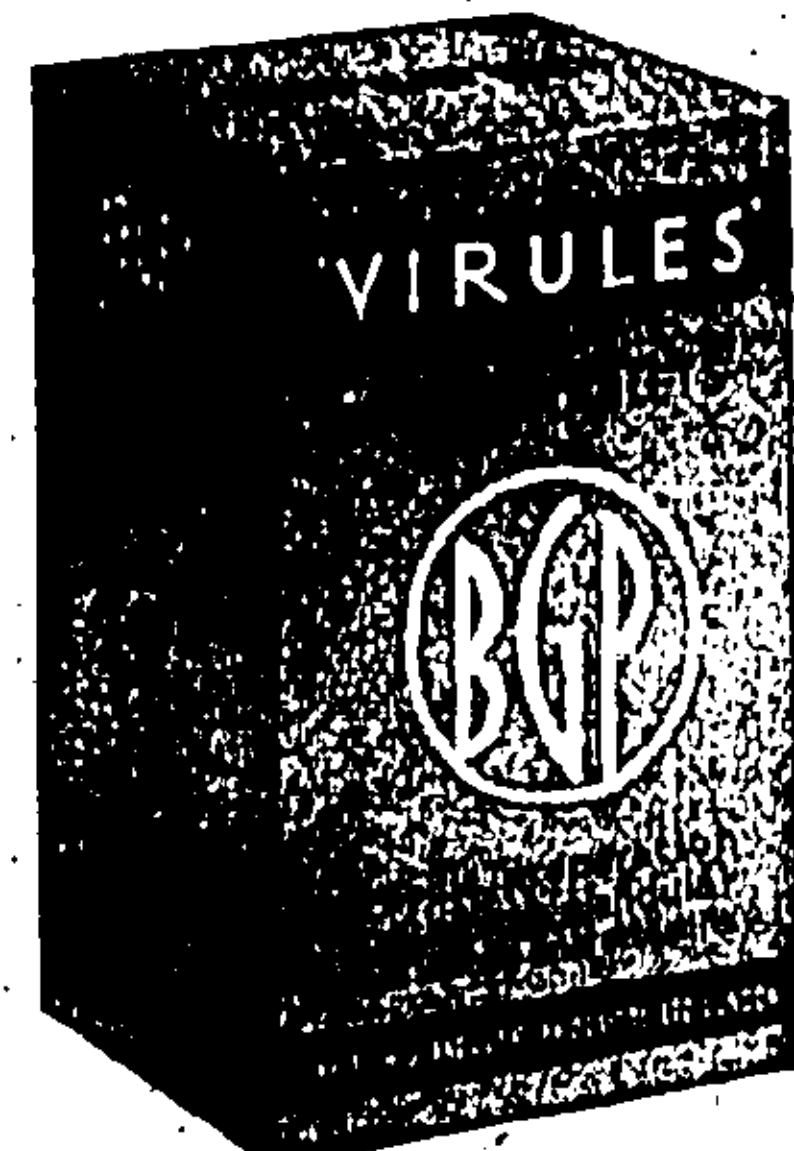
New Delhi, Jan. 7. Earl Mountbatten, the Governor General of India, today presided at a meeting of the Prime Ministers and representatives of 20 Indian States at which the setting up of a Rulers Privileged Committee was discussed.—Reuter.

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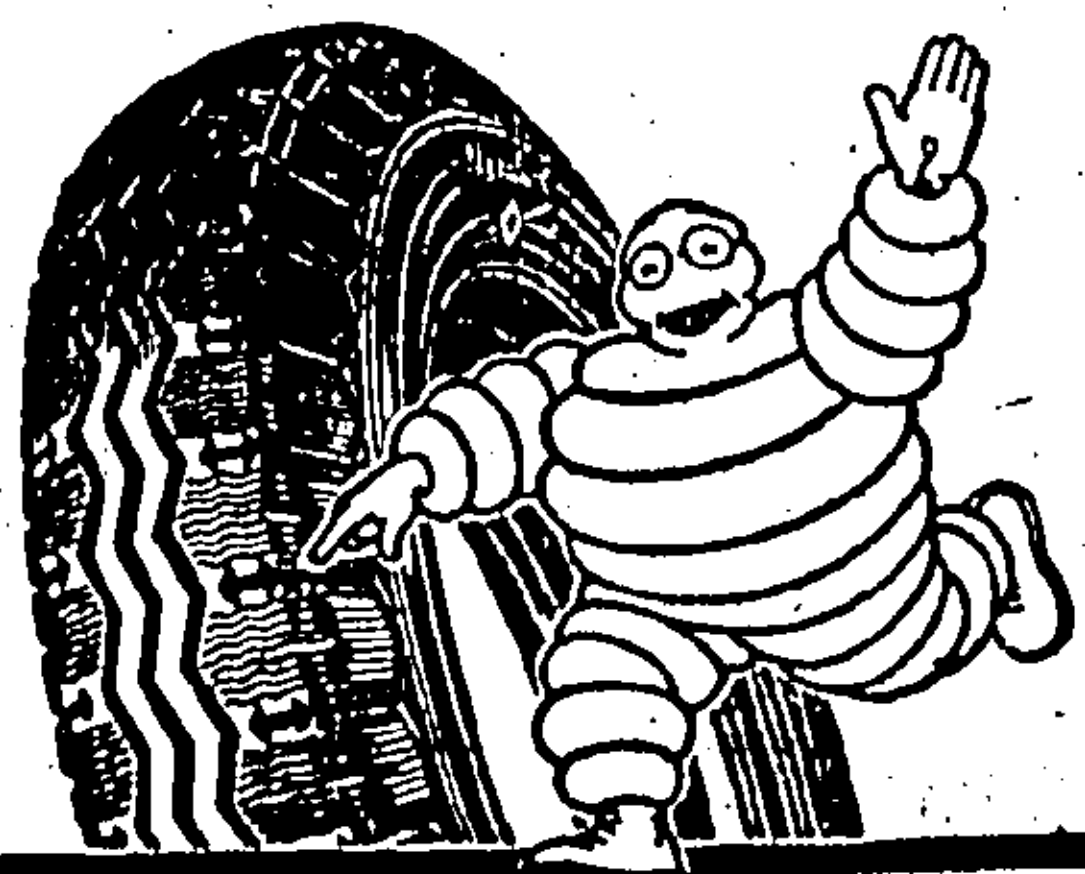
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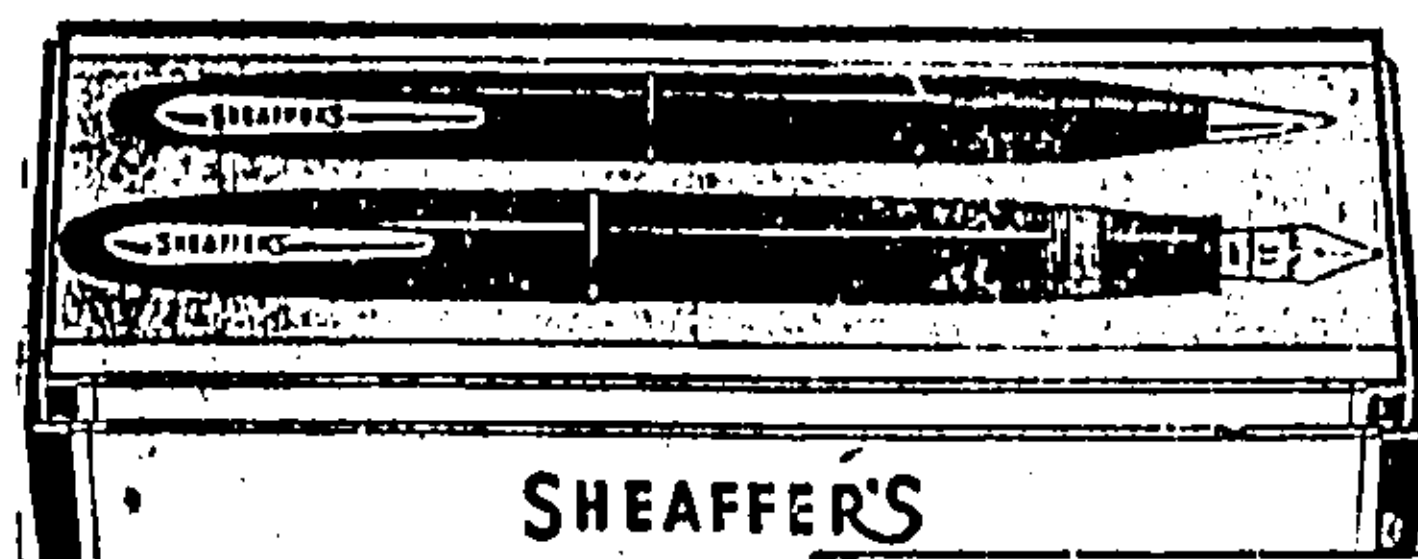
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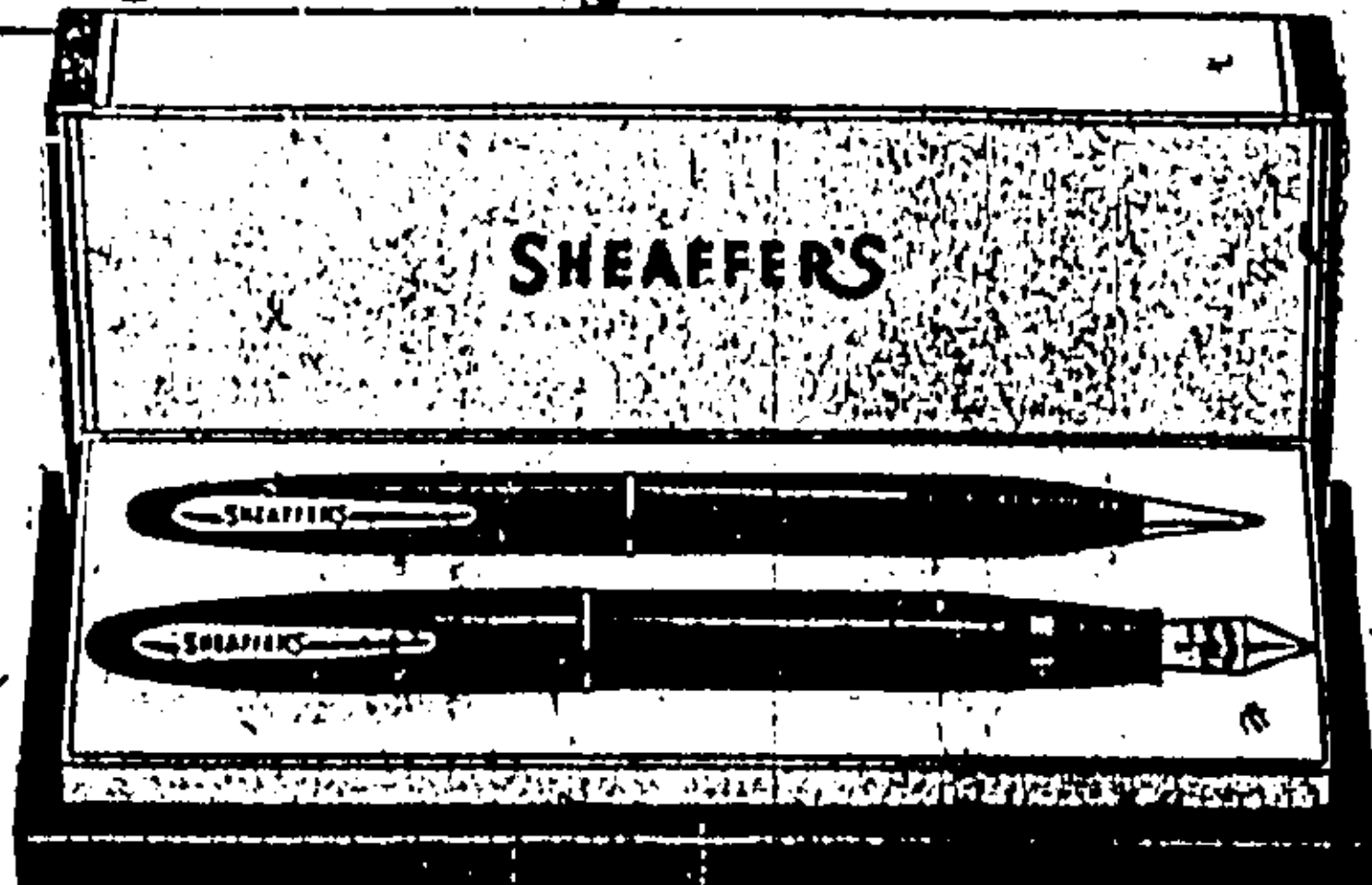
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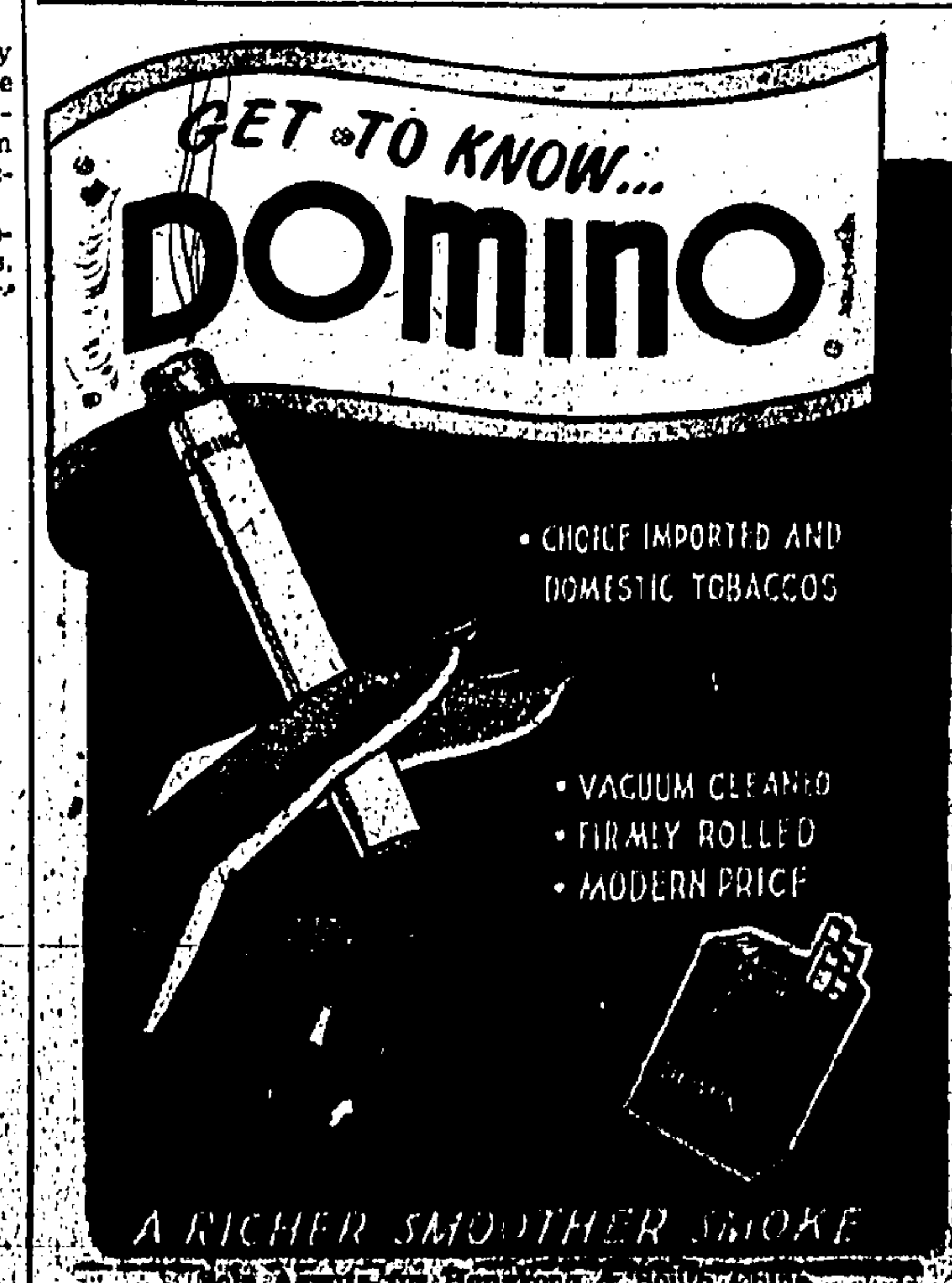
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## Truman Message EMPHASIS ON WORLD PEACE

Washington, Jan. 7.  
 Three times in his report to Congress on the state of the Union, President Harry Truman, repeated a sentence in identical words—"This leads to peace—not war." It is a device of speech-making, designed for emphasis. The emphasis may have been unnecessary. For, in all other countries if not in the United States, this will be regarded as the supremely significant point of the speech. It will come as both an answer and a reassurance.

The President said: "We are fighting poverty, hunger and suffering. This leads to peace—not war."  
 "We are building toward a world where all nations, large and small alike, may live free from the fear of aggression. This leads to peace—not war."

"Above all else, we are striving to achieve a concord among the peoples of the world, based upon the dignity of the individual and the brotherhood of man. This leads to peace—not war."

This summarised and described, in general terms, the present foreign policy of the United States.  
**Effect Abroad**  
 It probably will be neither published nor otherwise made public in Russia. The Soviet Government tells the Russian people that American policy is in the hands of "war mongers." What the President called the struggle against poverty, hunger and suffering is described in Moscow as "dollar tyranny," the effort of a wealthy American to capitalise on world economic misery, to dominate and capture foreign markets.

Elsewhere, however, it will have its effect.  
 It will provide the governments of France and Italy, particularly, with a powerful counterpoise to the arguments of the Communist parties in those countries.

**Wallace Answered**  
 Moreover, it will be read with the greatest attention by those foreign observers who profess to see the United States and Russia heading toward a frontal collision, and who hope their own countries can remain clear of war when it comes.

Illustrative of that view were dispatches from Paris quoting Leon Blum, veteran Socialist leader, as calling for the formation of a "third group," led by France and England to stand between the two giants.

And finally, political circles in Washington regard it as an answer to Henry Wallace. The former Vice-President has announced himself as a third party candidate for the Presidency, because, to paraphrase him, "American policy leads to war—not peace."

**High Point**  
 Perhaps unexpectedly, this was the high point of the President's speech.

There had been very little reaction, either from the floor of the packed galleries, to any of the previous statements that the President made.  
 "But when the speech came to our fifth goal—world peace, a heavy silence filled the Chamber. The President felt it and paused, markedly. Then, speaking slowly and with more colour in his voice, he went into the foreign policy section of his report."

In the three rows of seats to the right of the rostrum, the Diplomatic Corps leaned forward in rapt attention.  
 The applause that interrupted the President, in these passages, came from both sides of the Chamber. It was not motivated by party politics, nor split along party lines. If the expressions of day were an accurate grade of attitude then American foreign policy is bipartisan, supported in the main by both major groups.

**Foreign Fears**  
 That, too, will have a profound effect abroad.

One of the consuming fears of foreign governments is that the policy of the United States as formulated by one administration may be altered completely when a new party comes into power. For many years, there has been a lack of confidence in the consistency of American action.

That arose after World War I when the United States remained clear of the League of Nations which has been formulated by an American President. It threw a ring of paralysis over the Paris conference, in 1919 when Wallace, a Cabinet member, suddenly attacked the course being pursued by the Secretary of State.  
 Hence, American foreign policy has always appeared unstable, even capricious, to other countries. It has been considered to be subject to the whims of domestic party politics.

A single fact brooded over the whole speech. It is this: The President asserted that American foreign policy is directed toward achieving world peace. If it does not then all the domestic issues that he discussed, for civil rights, social security, health, control, all will suddenly be without importance whatever.

**GLASGOW RAIL STRIKE**  
 Glasgow, Jan. 7.  
 The first strike on Britain's newly nationalised railways was declared by 30 hoppers at a Glasgow locomotive works today over alleged work grievances.

The strike, which is unofficial, has paralysed the Glasgow area. The 30 hoppers, who are employed in the Glasgow area, have been working since 1945.

## German Critic Of Britain

MUNICH, JAN. 7.  
 THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WERE TODAY INVESTIGATING A SPEECH BY DR. JOHANNES SEMMLER, GERMAN DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF THE BIZONAL ECONOMIC AGENCY, IN WHICH HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID:  
 "Today, the British must be made to realise that it is impossible to plunder the German economy three years after the war."

Dr. Semmler was reported to have declared before a political meeting last week-end that the low Ruhr coal production had been caused "not only by Hitler and the war," but also by "the experimental policies of the British Labour Party."

Dr. Semmler was said to have told his audience that "it is time German politicians stopped saying thanks for additional food supplies from abroad."—Reuter.

## Germany To Get Priority

Washington, Jan. 7.  
 Germany will have priority in shipments of several important commodities under the Marshall Plan schedules published by the State Department today.

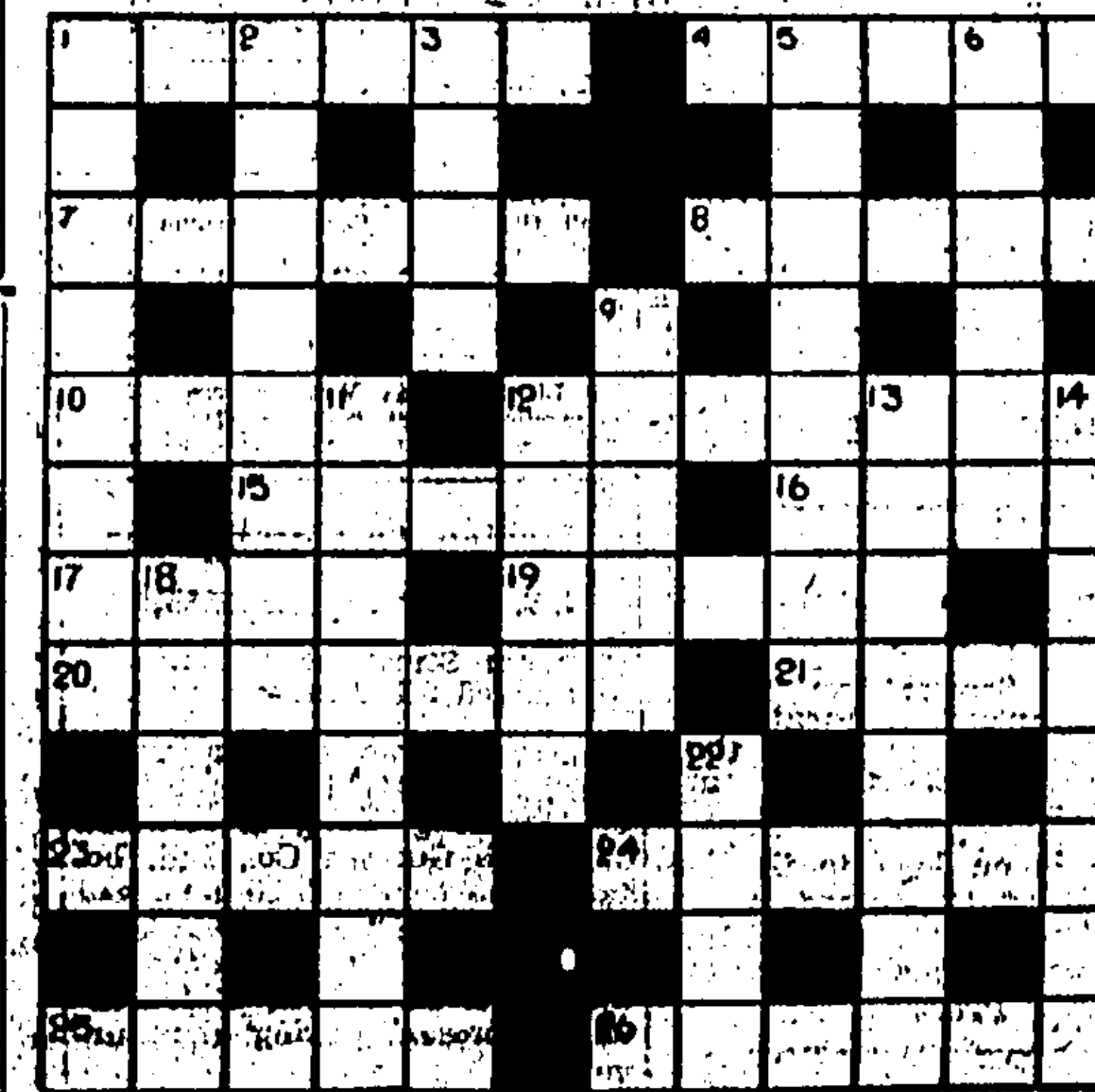
She will be the biggest recipient of American bread and grain shipments, getting a total of 7,350,000 tons in the period of April, 1948, to June, 1952.

The total proposed shipments of coarse grain for Germany amount to 10,035,000 tons.  
 Germany is the only country to be allocated United States railway wagons, 20,000 of which are to go to the Anglo-American bi-zone in the 12 months of the scheme. A further 6,000 are to follow later.  
 The bi-zone will also be the sole recipient of scarce nitrogen fertilizers. The zone is to get tobacco, 7,000 metric tons, mining machinery and agricultural machinery.—Reuter.

## HE DROPPED THE CHARGE

Shanghai, Jan. 8.  
 One was killed and five injured, two seriously, when a small family firecracker plant exploded last night during night work to rush fireworks for the Chinese New Year holiday on Feb. 10.  
 A refugee family from north Kiangsu operated the plant. A sleepy boy filling in gun-powder dropped the charge. The gunpowder blew up, causing a fire which destroyed the hut. The boy lost one of his legs while his father was killed.—United Press.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



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Abd-el-Krim, veteran Riff warrior, (on left) who in Tunis yesterday announced the formation of a "committee for North African independence." The new committee promises to be a serious threat in the side of France, already fighting armed independence movements in Indo-China and Madagascar, and may also open a new field for Soviet-American rivalry. (A.P. Photo.)

## ZILLIACUS SCOFFS AT ENVOY'S REPORT OF STALIN PARALYSIS

London, Jan. 8.  
 Mr. Konni Zilliacus, Labour Member of Parliament, who saw Generalissimo Stalin last Oct. 14, today scoffed at a report that the Soviet Premier is paralysed down the right side, walks with crutches and is gravely ill.

The report was attributed in London morning newspapers to Dr. M. P. Brandao, Brazilian Ambassador to Moscow until his withdrawal in November.  
 Mr. Zilliacus said Dr. Brandao could not have seen Stalin after Oct. 14 because the Premier did not return to Moscow until after the Ambassador had left.

Mr. Zilliacus and seven Labour Party colleagues were received by Stalin at his villa at the Caucasian Black Sea resort of Sochi.  
 "After our talk in the villa Stalin walked down a flight of steps with us to the parking area where our car was waiting," Mr. Zilliacus said. "He was bronzed from the sun, jovial and walked with a sprightly step. His whole manner was jaunty. Certainly he had no limp or any use for crutches."

Mr. Zilliacus said Stalin indicated he intended to remain in Sochi at least through November to avoid the heavy rain and sleet of Moscow's autumn.—United Press.

## PATEL'S GRANDSON HELD UP

Oklahoma City, Jan. 7.  
 Bipin Patel, 20-year-old grandson of India's Secretary of the Interior was strong armed, bound and robbed just outside Oklahoma City.  
 He was set upon last night by two young hooligans he picked up while driving back to the University of Notre Dame from a holiday in Los Angeles.—Associated Press.

## Wave Of Riots In Karachi

BOMBAY, JAN. 7.  
 REPORTS FROM KARACHI, PAKISTAN, SAID TODAY THAT 122 PERSONS HAD BEEN KILLED AND 299 INJURED IN ANOTHER WAVE OF RIOTING. BUT THAT NOW THE "SITUATION WAS WELL IN HAND."

The United Press here attempted to telephone its Karachi office, but was unable to get through though the Karachi operator said the situation there was "normal."

Others tried to reach Karachi by phone and said the Pakistan Government had banned and cut off all calls.

At New Delhi, Indian military sources said Indian Army units stationed in Kashmir Province were prepared for a major Moslem attack on Jammu in the wake of the sharp hit-and-run thrust at Naushera yesterday.

The sources said the thrust at Naushera, 40 miles northwest of Jammu, was merely a diversion designed to cover the main attack on Jammu, second city of Kashmir and main Indian Army supply base there.—United Press.

## Princess' Food Gift

London, Jan. 7.  
 Food to the extent of 700 tons, given by the Commonwealth countries to Princess Elizabeth, on the occasion of her marriage, is now being unpacked in the kitchens of Buckingham Palace by 50 volunteers from women's voluntary service organisations.

At the same time, the volunteers are repacking food ready for distribution.  
 "In two days, they unpacked and repacked the first 100 tons, which will go to war widows with young children. The second 100 tons will go to old age pensioners."—Reuter.

## Anglo-Iraqi Negotiations

London, Jan. 7.  
 Informed sources said today that Iraq may demand part of "Great Britain's vast store of munitions in Palestine" as the price for a new Anglo-Iraqi treaty.

Premier Salah Jaber of Iraq arrived from Baghdad in an RAF plane accompanied by a former Premier Nuri Pasha and a staff of experts to start talks for revision of the present British-Iraqi treaty.  
 It is expected the discussions will start in the Foreign Office today.  
 The present treaty granted British military bases in Iraq, access to vital British oil concessions, Palestine Jewish stores must be moved when the British evacuate the Holy Land.—United Press.

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# ECONOMIC CHIEF'S WARNING

## Britain's Huge Deficit Of U.S. Dollars

### Position Not Encouraging

London, Jan. 7.  
Even if this year Britain earns half as much again in dollars and other Western Hemisphere currencies as she did by her exports in 1947, she will still have a deficit of \$300,000,000 worth of dollars, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Britain's economic chief, told a press conference tonight.  
Last year, Britain earned about £190,000,000 worth of dollars, he declared in a New Year economic stock-taking.

It was therefore not possible to over-export to the Western Hemisphere.  
Britain's second main object was to wipe out the general deficit in her overseas trade so that at least, at the end of next year, she would balance her total imports and exports.  
This, however, owing to the non-convertibility of other countries' currencies (as well as Britain's), would not enable Britain to cover her dollar deficit.

**Not Encouraging**  
Regarding the progress made towards narrowing the dollar gap, Sir Stafford said that if the exports in the third quarter...

### GOLD EXPORT LICENCES

London, Jan. 7.  
Bullion dealers report that licences were again issued for the export of 22 carat sheet gold.  
The resumption at present applies to applications made in mid-December and no later applications so far have been approved.  
No official reason has been given for the delay in issuing licences which may be explained by the intervention of the year-end holidays and not to any real tightening up, at least in western hemisphere countries, in granting licences.

ter of 1947 were any guide, the position was not very encouraging.  
British exports to North America, for instance, were worth £21,500,000 worth of dollars in the second quarter and £24,000,000 worth in the third—a very small increase compared with the rise in total exports.  
The percentage of exports to North America to Britain's total exports dropped from 3.11 per cent to 2.9 per cent.  
Britain's total import figures for 1947 would probably be about £1,600 million and exports about 1,140 million, giving an overall visible current trade deficit of about £460,000,000.

### Money Market

Gold was steadier yesterday. Opening at \$314 a tael it closed at the same rate. Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$317.25 and \$312.  
Plasters, after opening at \$12.00 a 100, fell back to \$11.80 at the close.  
Chinese National Currency opened at 27 1/2 cents for futures and 36 1/2 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) and closed at 28 1/2 and 35 respectively.  
Tientsin closed off further to \$26.80 a 100. NEI Guilders dropped to \$27.25 a 100.  
U.S. Dollars were quiet at \$491. Sterling appreciated slightly to \$13.45. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

In Shanghai yesterday, says Reuter, open market rates were quoted at CN\$88.000 (buyers) and CN\$90.000 (sellers) for the U.S. dollar, and CN\$287.000 (buyers) and CN\$293.000 (sellers) for Sterling.  
**Taking Steps**  
The Chancellor of the Exchequer's chief disclosure was that the drain on the gold and dollar reserves in December fell below \$45 million a week, less than half the rate after the suspension of convertibility in late August, when for four weeks the drain averaged \$90,000,000 a week.  
Previously, he had disclosed that it fell to \$65,000,000 a week in the ensuing four weeks.

### Bars To Trade In Orient

Seattle, Jan. 7.  
A vicious circle starting with disorganised political and labour conditions is holding back foreign trade with the Orient, says A. Guy Hope, who has been U.S. Consul at Shanghai for the last two years.

Hope said most Oriental countries lack American dollars. To get them they must export. But civil war and other disturbances prevent them from getting raw materials from the interior, Hope said.

When commodities reach seaports, he said, strikes frequently tie them up on docks and prevent shipment.  
"The enormous potential markets offered by the one and one-half billion people of the Orient still exist," he said.  
He warned American traders not to depend upon Chinese agents on the basis of their claimed political influence. He said that generally Chinese who boast close connections with the Government are able to deliver only a single coil.  
**LOSS THROUGH STRIKES**  
Washington, Jan. 7.  
Statistics of the Department of Labour estimated today that 33 million man-days were lost during 1947 in establishments directly affected by labour controversies.  
This was less than one-third of the 116 million recorded last in 1946.  
The workers involved in strikes beginning in 1947 totalled roughly 2,200,000, or about half the 4,400,000 affected during the previous year.  
The total number of strikes in 1947 was 1,400, against the 1,344 figure of nearly 5,000 in 1946.

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Of the Marshall Plan, Sir Stafford said that it was obvious that Britain would be in a grave position as regards dollars unless aid was forthcoming.

She would not be able to get through without further cuts in imports of food and raw materials. Certainly she would not be able to export coal and other essential goods to Western Europe except in return for imports judged essential by the most rigorous standard.

"Without assistance as far as the dollar shortage is concerned, we could not play our part in European recovery," Reuter.

### N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Jan. 8.  
A placid stock market paid little attention to the President's message to Congress. Shares registered only moderate variations, mostly upward. There was a modest demand for stocks. Support extended to motion pictures, steel, farm implements, metals, and selected industrials.

A total of \$20,000 shares was sold. Transactions included 3,000 shares of American Tobacco at 15 1/2, Warner Brothers at 13 1/2, North American Aviation at 9 1/2 and Curtiss Wright at 5 1/2.  
Dow Jones Average—Stocks 44.55, 20 Industrials 19.05, 10 Rails 52.65, 10 Utilities 33.70.  
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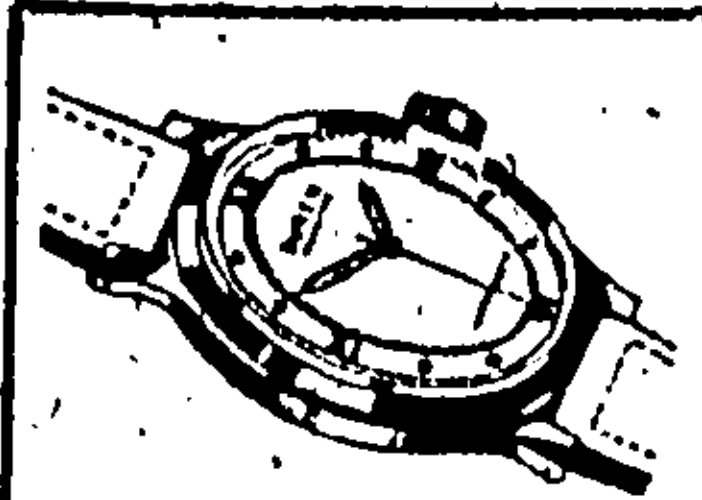
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## MARSHALL'S "ALL-OUT" PLEA FOR AID

"The Greatest Appeal For Inflation"

New York, Jan. 8. Earl Marshall, Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, said today that President Truman's message was the "greatest appeal ever made for more inflation."

## Arab Snipers Active In Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jan. 8. Arab snipers entrenched on Mount Zion and behind Saladin's Old City walls opened fire at Montefiore quarter 100 yards distant and only 50 yards from the military headquarters in King David Hotel today.

## AUSTRALIAN RUGBY TEAM IN FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 8. Australia's team meeting France in the Rugby Union International here on Sunday, was announced today as follows:

## Louis Backed To Beat Walcott

New York, Jan. 8. Joe Louis will defeat Jersey Joe Walcott next June, probably by a knock-out, in the opinion of over 80 percent of the sports editors from coast to coast who participated in a poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Although the bout was not been signed by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club of New York or any other promoter, most of the writers assumed that the veteran Jersey brawler, who came so close to dethroning the champ, would get the call.

Currently Walcott is holding out for a larger share of the gate for the outdoor fight. Philadelphia is the latest city to put in a bid. Only five writers named other heavyweights. Three thought Gus Lesnevich, the light heavyweight king, would be the Joe. One tabbed Gus Maxim as an opponent and another said he thought Louis would fight "somebody he can beat." No names were mentioned.

Last Fight? A little over a month ago there would have been no point to the Associated Press question: "Whom do you think Joe Louis will meet in June, and what will be the result?" There had been little cause for concern about the result of a Louis bout for so long that the name of the opposition had not been mentioned.

## "Few U.S. Dollars For Far East"

Washington, Jan. 8. Secretary of State George Marshall, in a show-down plea to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for Congressional approval of the European aid programme, served notice today that few, if any, American dollars would go to the Far East to finance products needed in the programme.

He said Europeans would be expected to finance all imports "outside the Western Hemisphere" from proceeds of their own exports.

Gen. Marshall added: "During the first 15 months exports from European countries will provide current revenue sufficient to cover almost their entire import needs from sources outside the Western Hemisphere and also about one-third of their requirements from the Western Hemisphere."

This raises the speculation of elaboration of the administration thesis previously mooted in general terms that the restoration of European industry would have its own ramifications in the Far East which would preclude the necessity for an overall "Marshall Plan" for that area.

Not Specifically General Marshall failed to touch specifically on the Far East in his initial talk to the legislators and informed officials said in this respect that he was following earlier tactics of letting the Republicans raise by question the idea of aid to this area.

Unless they do this, the officials said, nothing will be said about the Far East until about three weeks hence when the administration brings up its programme for specific China relief.

The general administration sentiment was said to be still that if American aid succeeds sufficiently in restoring the European productive economy it will not be necessary to invest nearly so many dollars in the Far East.

The belief is that once European factories start turning out goods in considerable quantities much of this will be available to Asians at prices in currencies other than dollars.

The only specific exceptions so far to this idea are China, where officials conceded that more United States aid would be necessary, and Japan where the Americans already are embarked on a programme of financing the revival of Japanese economy.

## Sport Here And There

### TABLE TENNIS

London, Jan. 8. Twenty-three countries have been received for the Swaythling Cup International Table Tennis competition which will be played at Wembley during the world championships beginning on February 4.

### U.S. BASEBALL

New York, Jan. 8. Joe DiMaggio, reported holding out for US\$75,000 a year, has signed a contract for the coming baseball season with the New York Yankees.

### CHESS

London, Jan. 7. The Hungarian chess master, L. Szabo, was at midday today assured of the championship of the premier section of the International Chess Congress at White Rock Pavilion here.

### RUGBY

London, Jan. 7. Rugby Union games: "Clancy" Championship—Berkshire 0 Eastern Counties 3.

### BOWLS

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are playing a special special game in honour of Mr. Hughie Nish on Saturday commencing at 2.30 p.m. Presentations will be made to Mr. and Mrs. Nish at a concert which will be held in the evening.

The following will represent the Club against R.A.F. Police in the Quadrangular Tournament Rugby game on Club ground on Saturday 14.16 p.m.

## Queen Of Greece Visits Front-Line



It was reported earlier this week that Queen Frederika of Greece had landed at Preveza on her way to visit front-line troops in the Konitsa battle area. Here the Queen is shown in a happier moment with her daughter, five-year-old Princess Irene.

## SIAMESE GOVERNMENT MAKES SPECIAL APPEAL TO AUSTRALIA

Bangkok, Jan. 8. Minister of Education Sarabavaniya, in a special broadcast to Australia today, stated that the promoters of the coup d'etat and the Government now functioning are two entirely different bodies and consist of totally different persons.

"It is right to say that the coup was carried out under the auspices of Field Marshal Phibun at the request of the officers who had planned the coup.... but the impression that the Government has been formed under Phibun and that he has been ruling with a strong hand shows the actual situation in Siam is not really understood," he said.

The Minister admitted the coup was undesirable, unconstitutional and contrary to the principles of democracy but asked: "What if the democracy was a sham one?"

He then went on to list a series of charges against the former Government under Phibun and Thamrong. Closing his broadcast speech Sarabavaniya assured Australians that the present Cabinet Ministers are all Liberals.

He promised: "I'll be the first man to resign if it occurs to me that a dictator regime is installed."

Sarabavaniya was one of the political prisoners who escaped from the convict island of Tarutao.

He went to Australia where he broadcast the Siamese programme during the Pacific war. The first de facto recognition of the new Siamese Government

## TRIESTE REDS CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE

Protest At Arrest Of 29 Partisans

Trieste, Jan. 8. Pro-Yugoslav Communist-controlled labour unions today ordered the first general strike here since the creation of the Free Territory. By mid-morning about 10,000 of the city's 40,000 workers had joined the walkout.

The walkout, aimed at paralysing two-fifths of the Free State, which is occupied and controlled by 10,000 Anglo-American troops, was called by Sindacato Unico to protest the arrest of 29 pro-Communist partisans.

The partisans were arrested on Sunday during a parade in Trieste.

Their trial by Allied Military Court started this morning after the strike call was issued. The partisan defendants were released on bail immediately.

The strike call was "unofficial" and was issued only by notices in the morning newspapers and by union agents at shipyards, factories and shops.

Surprise The entire Communist move came as a complete surprise to Allied Military Government officials who learned of it first from the newspapers.

But it became clear as soon as the working day got under way that only the most faithful Communist workers were observing the walkout order because thousands of other workers, including street and bus personnel, reported to work after being assured of police protection.

Up until noon the Chamber of Labour, which is an anti-Communist pro-Italian labour council, had not co-operated with the strike call although a few Labour Chamber workers left their jobs in heavily Communist areas of the city.

The Communist union organization controls about 25,000 Trieste workers compared to the 18,000 for the Labour Chamber.

The strike was completely effective only in the small shipbuilding suburb of Muggia where approximately 2,000 walked out.

"Governor" Meanwhile, Italy has suggested that a man of the British Empire should be chosen as Governor of Trieste, Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, declined today.

He told a meeting of the Italian Cabinet that Yugoslavians had first suggested six names of various nationalities for the post.

These were all unacceptable to Italy, who suggested three Swiss names and then, as a last resort, suggested a man of the British Empire.

Yugoslavia's reply to his was still awaited. United Press and Reuter.

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Sir Stafford said Britain needs dollar assistance from America and added: "We must not count on it but the sooner aid comes the better for us. Britain's position would be grave without it."—United Press.

## Cripps Issues Grave Warning

London, Jan. 8. Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps warned today that Britain will be forced to halt exports of coal and steel and give up the attempt to help Europe recover if the Marshall Plan fails to go through.

He said if the U.S. Congress does not approve the Marshall programme Britain will be forced to concentrate on its own recovery out of sheer self preservation.

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## Slight Lull In Kashmir Struggle

New Delhi, Jan. 8. Royal Indian Air Force Tempests and Spitfires yesterday scoured the scrub and jungle in the Naoshera and Jammu sector in south Kashmir for a force of snipers estimated at 6,000.

At present there is a lull in the fighting after yesterday's artillery and infantry slogging match.

But from dawn to dusk it was a hide and seek—snipers hiding and Indian Air Force seeking.

Military circles tonight said that the raiders used 25 pounders and howitzers in their assault in the Naoshera area.—Reuter.

"That the films have done more harm than good" will be debated at the European Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 8.30 p.m. The motion will be proposed by D.J.S. Crozier and opposed by Harry Odell.

F.C. Clemons will preside. Dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m. Reservations can be made at the "Y" in advance. Servicemen and ladies are welcome.

## Konitsa Situation Quietens

Athens, Jan. 8. Jannina reports said today that the military situation in the strife-torn Konitsa area had quietened and the guerrillas are continuing their retreat to the north.

Military sources said the Greek Air Force had knocked out two guerrilla artillery batteries, one of which was located in the village of Nikanoras (three and a half miles north of Konitsa) and the other near the Greek town of Kiovolri, seven miles northwest of Konitsa.

These sources said they had found an unexploded guerrilla shell which was fired by a Skoda-built 75 mm gun.

Telephone communications with Konitsa were restored today and engineers built two more bridges across Acos River at Mazkon and Senovon six miles west of Konitsa.—United Press.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR FEELINGS Rangoon, Jan. 7. Dr. George K. C. Yeh, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, said China has the most neighbourly of feelings for the new Independent State of Burma.

Yeh said any suggestion of possible Chinese aggression against Burma would be absurd. Yeh said any Burmese who harbours such fears are "inflicting heavy mental strain upon themselves" unnecessarily.

Yeh said settlement of the China border dispute "must come in the traditional and judicious way, by a joint commission."—Associated Press.

YUGOSLAVS FIRE ON AMERICANS Trieste, Jan. 7. Sixty-five shells were fired by Yugoslav troops last night in an area about 12 miles northeast of Trieste.

Dr. Oni said the Yugoslavs fired about 40 rounds of rifle and machine gun fire. He said the Americans did not respond. The Yugoslavs fired a number of shells now.

## 2 Penang Women Lost Their Gold

The twelve bars of gold, valued at \$40,000, found on two Chinese women from Penang on the "Canton" on her arrival in November were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday when he gave judgment.

Mr. A. Sainsbury was for the Crown and accused, who pleaded guilty at a previous hearing, were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo Galdana, instructed by Mr. S. N. Galdana.

In his judgment, Mr. Conklin said: "The two accused through their Counsel have pleaded guilty to the offence of illegally importing gold into the colony contrary to the Ordinance. The facts briefly are that defendants arrived in the Colony on Nov. 17 by R.S.M. Canton having come from Penang. Revenue officers boarded the ship and when defendants were asked whether they had anything to declare replied in the negative. They were searched and it was discovered that each had six gold bars in specially made jackets about their waists."

"The Crown has asked for the confiscation of the gold. On behalf of the defendants it was submitted that they were respectable women, not smugglers. Each of the accused had acquired the gold through relatives and were on their way to Canton and also they were ignorant of the laws of the Colony."

"It is a well-known fact that gold today is valued at a premium and in very great demand in all countries. The gold was valued at 16 to 18 to say that refugees on their way to Canton and also they were ignorant of the laws of the Colony."

"I do not agree, and feel that anyone bringing gold into the Colony in circumstances such as these takes a risk and gives the Magistrate no option but to order the forfeiture of the gold."

"I order the gold to be forfeited but no fine will be imposed."